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## Corner House Board Could Restructure Agency's Oversight

Hoping to streamline oversight for Corner House, the joint Borough-Township counseling agency for youth and their families, Princeton Township Committee Monday unanimously introduced a measure that would create a nine-member board for the 34-year-old not-for-profit organization.

Because Corner House is a joint municipal agency, a mirror ordinance from Borough Council is needed for final approval. A date for Borough consideration has yet to be set.

If the ordinance is passed, the new board will serve as an advisory entity to the two governing bodies, as is the case with other joint agencies. The ordinance would also delineate the responsibilities of the Corner House director.

According to Township Administrator James Pascale, the move to create a freestanding advisory board resolves certain complications arising from oversight of the 27-member Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance (PADA). PADA, Mr. Pascale said, is "too large to be managing a municipal department."

"We need an advisory board of a more manageable size," he said, adding that the aim is to have a board that resembles other municipal entities in both size and function.

In 1972, when Corner House was established, the Intergovernmental Drug Committee (IDC) oversaw operations. That structure stood through 1991, when the state launched a program that financed municipalities for various alliance-structured entities. The IDC then became PADA.

"None of our boards or committees even comes close to 27 members," Mr. Pascale said, citing Corner House's near \$1 million budget as a major reason for shrinking the advisory board.

Committeeman Lance Liverman, the municipal liaison to PADA, supported the measure, saying that establishing a Corner House oversight board would allow PADA to "continue to do great things."

"PADA and Corner House have provided some of the best services we've seen," he added.

Under the new structure, if jointly approved, the two Princeton governing bodies would provide appointments to the board.

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**LESLIE BURGER IN NEW ORLEANS:** Princeton Public Library Director and American Library Association President-Elect Leslie Burger helping outgoing ALA President Michael Gorman open an exhibit at the annual ALA Conference in New Orleans Saturday, along with other members of the Executive Board.

## Hearon Resigns; This Time, It's Final

Vowing to stay involved in municipal matters and bringing closure to a roller-coaster of a primary season, Princeton Township Committeeman Bill Hearon formally announced his resignation Monday, two-and-a-half years into his first, and only, term.

The announcement, which had been expected after Mr. Hearon first submitted, then rescinded, his resignation in February, indicated that it would be effective midnight Wednesday morning. Mr. Hearon has cited scheduling conflicts between public office and his business, Card Management LLC, which he runs with his wife, Joan Bartl.

Mr. Hearon's resignation will likely be followed with the appointment of Chad Goerner to Committee. Mr. Goerner, who is running unopposed, roundly won the support of Township voters in the June 6 Democratic primary election. That appointment, however, will be preceded by a mandatory selection process where the members of Township Committee will choose one of three candidates to fill out the remainder of Mr. Hearon's term, set to expire December 31. While Mr. Goerner will likely be chosen to fill out that term, carrying into his proper term in January, two nominal

candidates are likely to appear with Mr. Goerner before Committee during the selection process.

Mr. Hearon thanked Township staff: "We have the finest in the state and the Township is very, very blessed."

"We cannot acknowledge enough the

people who are here on a daily basis working for us, the citizens — and that cannot be bought, and it cannot be paid for," added a tearful Mr. Hearon.

On continuing his community involvement, Mr. Hearon specifically cited his

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## Valley Road Study Approved But Not Without Dissent

The Princeton Regional Schools Board of Education voted to award a contract to KSS Architects, LLP last Tuesday for a study of the current and future uses of its Valley Road building.

The Princeton firm, which designed the Princeton Township municipal complex located across from the Princeton Regional Board of Education's Valley Road property, is contracted to prepare design and financial planning services for the building for an amount not to exceed \$58,500.

The board is seeking to consider low-cost improvements and ways to generate revenue from

areas within the building not used by the district.

The vote to award the contract was not unanimous, however. Board member Joshua Leinsdorf expressed opposition to both the study and to the district's continued ownership of the Valley Road building, which he described as an extremely expensive white elephant.

Mr. Leinsdorf argued that if the Valley Road building is at all valuable, then it should be sold so as to reduce the burden on the Princeton taxpayer.

He pointed out that according to the district's long range plans, the

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**HISTORY IS FOR KIDS:** Brian Solomon, left, in front of the former Quarry Street School, now the Waxwood apartments, on Quarry Street during a children's walking tour sponsored by the Historical Society of Princeton (HSP). Mr. Solomon is one of several HSP interns helping children, or even the casual adult, rediscover Princeton's history.  
(Photo by M. B. Hersch)

## Even Know-It-All Adults Can Enjoy Historical Society's Tours for Kids

If you've lived in Princeton for more than a short time, or even if you have a good sense of Mercer County history in general, you'd probably know quite a bit about the featured sites of the Historical Society of Princeton's Children's Walking Tour.

But if you pass up these walking tours for that rea-

son only, you'd be missing the point — and a whole lot more, for that matter.

First implemented in the early 1990s under the tutelage of the late HSP Executive Director Gail Stern,

### TOPICS Of the Town

the Historical Society (HSP) walking tours have since continued to blossom under Curator Eileen Morales, who works with interns, both on the high school and college level, to form their own walking tours, focusing on their own interests.

"I'm really just here to help out and learn and I've always loved history," said Brian Solomon, who will begin his senior year at West Windsor-Plainsboro South in the fall. Now in his second semester interning at the Historical Society, Mr. Solomon has been given the green light by Ms. Morales to make the most of his compulsion to put on a good show for the kids.

Mr. Solomon also helped organize the gallery's postcard exhibit, as well as assisting with general research for various exhibitions.

On an oppressively hot, sticky day when the noisy repaving of Nassau Street did little to encourage a taste for history, Mr. Solomon held his own, as he led the children and moms — 22 people in all — through the historic Borough streets.

From Bainbridge House, which served as the former Princeton Public Library, to Beatty House on Vandeventer Avenue, which functioned as Miss Hanna's School for Proper Young Ladies in the 1880s ("Perhaps some of you proper young ladies would have been enrolled in this school if you had lived in Princeton around this time"), Mr. Solomon guided the children, old and young, through Princeton's past.

From there it was off to the Princeton Cemetery where Mr. Solomon pointed out the tomb of Princeton's famous presidential resident, Grover Cleveland, and described the infamous duel between Alexander Hamilton and cemetery resident Aaron Burr.

Paul Robeson's birth place at 110 Witherspoon Street,

Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, and the former Quarry Street School all offered glimpses into Princeton's African-American history. Whether or not you're an adult who already knows that the Witherspoon Street School is now a luxury apartment building called The Waxwood, if you are a child, how mind-boggling is it to think that you could live in your former school — as

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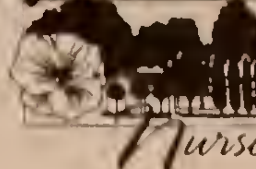
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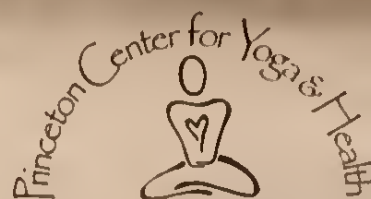
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is the case with some Wax-wood residents?

Princeton resident Pat Worklan, a mother who brought her children with her on the tour, even learned something of her own: "This is great, I've never been on some of these streets and I'd never even know that some of these buildings were here."

Sherry Meyer, also a Princeton mom, agreed: "It's a wonderful thing; there's a lot of interest in these kinds of ventures."

From the historic Borough side streets to freshly paved Nassau Street, hundreds of years removed from the Leni Lenape dirt trail it used to be, it's hard to imagine ever tiring of Princeton history — even if you've heard it all before.

— Matthew Hersh

## Topics In Brief A Community Bulletin

**The Spirit of Princeton** will host its annual Independence Day fireworks on the Princeton University fields adjacent to the Princeton Stadium this Friday, June 30, at approximately 9 p.m. Those interested in attending are encouraged to arrive early (around 6 p.m.) to set up picnics.

Princeton Township consultants Glattig-Jackson and Urban Engineers have released the **Route 206 Vision Study** on the Township's Web site, [www.princetonntp.org](http://www.princetonntp.org). The study is the culmination of a series of public hearings and consultation sessions with residents that explored ways that traffic along a stretch of 206 running from Cherry Valley Road to Nassau Street could be finessed. Among the recommendations in the study are installing roundabouts and increased landscaping.

Representatives from the neighborhood that abuts **Princeton University's Engineering Quadrangle (E-Quad)** were expected to appear before Princeton Borough Council last night to offer the minutes of a meeting residents had with Robert Durkee, the University's vice president and secretary, and Kristin Appelget, University director of Community and Regional Affairs. The presentation was to serve as an update to the University's overall campus expansion plan and its potential impact on surrounding neighborhoods. The University and residents brokered a deal last year that included increased tree buffering and "no-build" zones in areas that backed up to Murray Place in exchange for the University's ability to increase its building capacity in the E-Quad. In addition, the ordinance that came out of the negotiations included a University jitney requirement to offset increased traffic due to expansion. The presentation occurred after Town Topics went to press. See the July 5 edition for a full report.

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The \$60,000 "Building Livable Communities" grant was formally distributed through the Municipal Land Use Center at the College of New Jersey and is designed to encourage municipalities throughout the region to employ planning methods that work toward sustainable living.

The Borough and Township were specifically honored for the joint municipal Princeton Environmental Commission's (PEC) Sustainable Princeton project, which was designed to increase energy efficiency, subsequently reducing costs; to implement local purchasing guidelines that encourage sustainable criteria; and to hold public education forums on how to live for future generations.

The award, which was presented Monday by U.S. Rep. Rush Holt (D-12) at TCNJ, was further lauded by Township Committeewoman Vicky Bergman Monday at Committee's regular session. Ms. Bergman, the Township's municipal liaison to the PEC, wielded a blown-up version of the \$60,000 check as she thanked PEC Vice Chair Wendy Kaczerski and Planning Director Lee Solow. A member of the Planning Board, Ms. Bergman said the grant would be used to explore the energy efficiency of municipal buildings, as well as to pursue the Sustainable

Princeton goals of sustainable purchasing and public education.

A request for grant proposals was first issued this past December, at which time 29 municipal proposals had been submitted. The recipients of the eight awards given, according to Martin Blerbaum, director of TCNJ's Municipal Land Use Center, were those programs that best captured the essence of the grant. Innovation and regional influence were also factors in deciding the grant recipients. Mr. Blerbaum added. On top of the \$60,000, a 25 percent municipal match is provided.

In April, Sustainable Princeton bestowed its own awards on two businesses, two residents, and two organizations to honor their involvement in creating a more sustainable community. Those recipients included: The Whole Earth Center; White Lotus Futon; master gardener Dorothy Mullen; landscape architect Peter Soderman; Princeton Future; and D&R Greenway Land Trust.

— Matthew Hersh

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Students attending a Shakespeare summer camp in Princeton will perform scenes from several of the Bard's plays on Saturday, July 8 at 2 p.m. in the first floor community room of the Princeton Public Library.

The students will share some of their learning from the summer camp directed by Shakespeare enthusiasts Julia Poulos and Mary Greenburg who sponsored a Shakespeare recitation contest at the library earlier this year. Finalists in the contest featured in an April program at the library.

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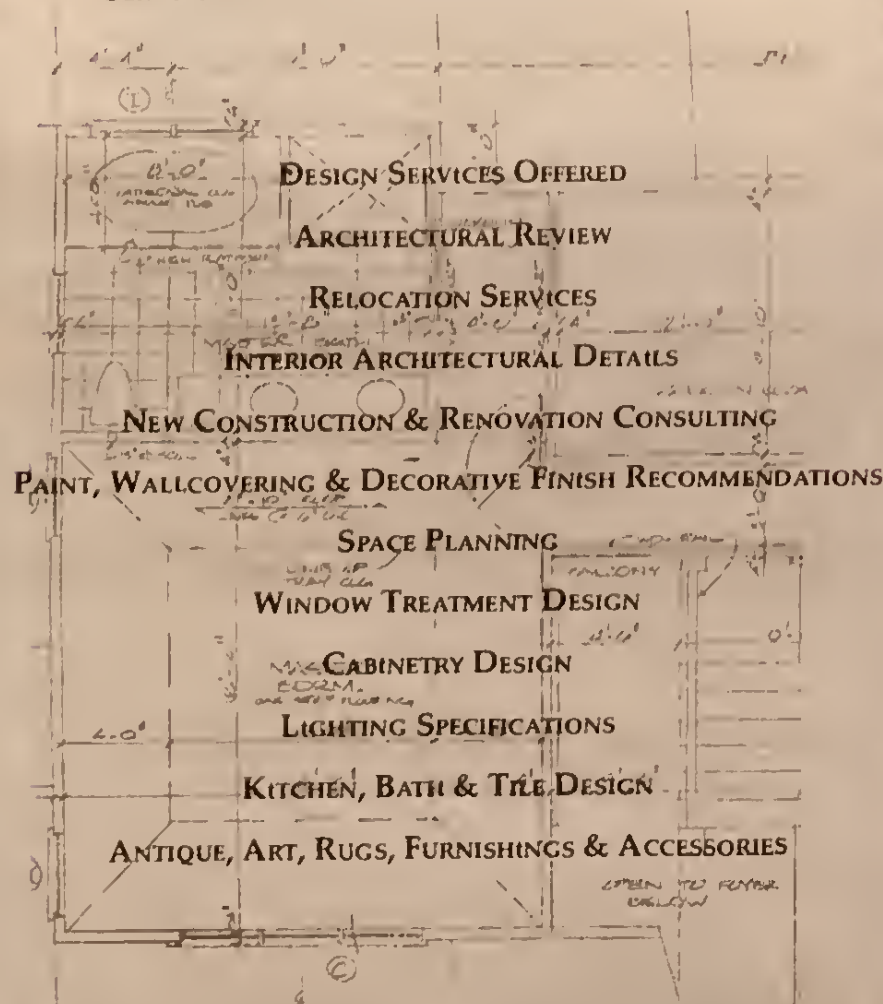
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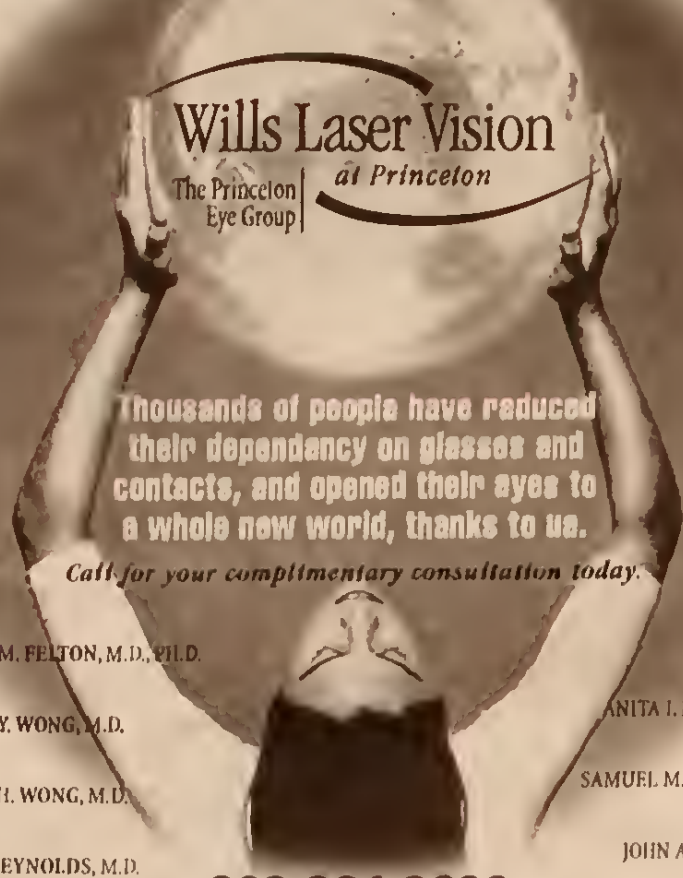
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## Hearon Resigns

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Bill Hearon

work with residents on the Route 206 Vision Study, and said that he hoped to encourage Montgomery Township to fully endorse the plan. Mr. Hearon has worked with a community group, Citizens for a Safer Route 206, whose objectives include speed reduction and truck traffic.

Mr. Hearon's decision to resign now, rather than on the originally intended March 31, was done after the political groundswell of the primary season subsided. When the Committee rescinded his resignation in March, he said that his departure "confused" the primary process and that it would be likely he would tender a resignation sometime after June 6.

That time, he said, has come.

"The whole process went the way it was supposed to," he said, adding that he was "comfortable passing the baton to Chad."

While Mr. Goerner is virtually assured a victory in the November general elections, he said his probable appointment to Committee before then would allow him an early start to become acclimated to the municipal process: "It will give me an opportunity to work with everyone on Committee so that next year we can start strong and continue moving forward."

Mr. Goerner added he was gratified to have received the backing of the voters and the Township Democratic Party.

State law stipulates that in the case of a vacancy, the municipal party committee representing the departing individual puts forth three possible names for consideration by the governing body within 15 days. The next Township Committee hearing is slated for Monday, July 17, and it is expected that Mr. Goerner will then be chosen and sworn in that evening.

—Matthew Hersh

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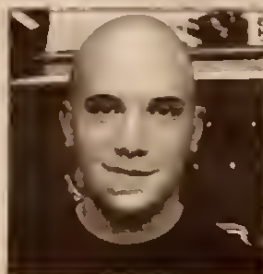


"Volunteerism, as a firefighter, gives back to the community, making sure that it is safe. I do it because it is in my blood, my family — I am a fourth generation in the department." — Chief Pat McAvenia, Engine No. 1



"It is an important service to the community. Everyone should do what they can to be of service. I am a firefighter because I am able to be one, and I also enjoy the camaraderie that goes with it."

— Lt. Dan Brown, Engine No. 1



"Volunteering is important, especially for younger people because it gives them a positive outlet for their energies. I do it because, in addition to the service aspects, the company provides a great group of friends and a good time."

— John Hoekzema, Hook and Ladder



"If we did not volunteer, the community would be paying for fire protection. I volunteer because I love being a firefighter and a member of this company."

— Lt. Bill Waterson, Hook and Ladder



"Volunteerism is needed to keep our taxes down in the Borough and the Township. People do not realize how much taxes would rise if we had to go to a paid department. This is a major reason for my doing it."

— Ray Wadsworth, Engine No. 3. Former Chief and founder of the Spirit of Princeton



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## Township Readies Summertime \$5.09 Million Road Repair Project

Though Princeton Township's capital budget is down for 2006, the summer road resurfacing and reconstruction schedule will remain relatively extensive, continuing a multi-year project repairing roads that dates back to when some parts of the Township were first developed.

This year's \$5.09 million project includes jobs with outside contractors, as well as in-house operations by the Township's Public Works Department, and, when complete, will mark the repair of just over a quarter of municipal roads over the past three years.

A significant portion of roadwork will occur in the Riverside section in the southeastern quadrant of the Township, where 11 streets will be worked on. Top-Line Construction, which won bidding for a portion of that project, will carry out resurfacing work on Longview Drive, Balsam Lane, Riverside Drive and Riverside Drive East, and Prospect Avenue, running from Riverside Drive East to Route 27 (Princeton-Kingston Road).

In the Riverside district, Public Works will resurface Prince William Court, Castle Howard Court, Mason Drive, Vernon Circle, Adams Drive, Evergreen Circle, and Howe Circle, and Gulick Road, north of Route 27.

Elsewhere in the Township, Public Works will resurface Hardy Drive and Turner Court.

Don Hansen, superintendent of Public Works, said putting a timeline together on the in-house projects was difficult, but that those jobs would have to take place during a small "window of opportunity" starting this month and running through August. His department begins its brush program in August, whereupon, he said, the necessary resources will be occupied. Recent inclement weather, Mr. Hansen added, has caused delays in starting roadwork. "It's good for the grass, bad for construction," he said.

According to Township Engineer Robert Kiser, all roads listed will be repaired, but curbing improvements will be done "as needed," as well as drainage work.

Parts of the Harry's Brook section of the northeastern Township quadrant are also slated for road repair, including Overbrook Drive, Abernathy Drive, and the portion of Clover Lane from Abernathy to Overbrook. Those projects have yet to be put out to bid, but will likely be finalized in the next three weeks, Mr. Kiser said.

Other roads still waiting for bids include Springdale Road, Guyot Avenue from Witherspoon Street to Carnahan Place, Carnahan Place, and Laurel Circle.

In a continuation of an extensive Great Road resurfacing project last summer, the Township has contracted with Top-Line to resurface all of Pretty Brook Road stretching from Great Road to Province Line Road.

Finally, Winant Road, looping from the northern to the southern end of Edgerstoune Road, will be resurfaced by Top-Line.

Overall, Mr. Kiser said, many of the roads targeted for reconstruction this year date to the 1940s and 1950s. "Most of the roads have the original two inches of blacktop in place," he said. Mr. Hansen added that with some streets, especially the cul-de-sacs, which are effectively exclusive to residents and emergency vehicles, the current resurfacing could last several decades.

—Matthew Hersh

## Rescue Report

On Sunday morning, June 18, the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded for a motor vehicle collision involving a pole. According to reports, the 20-year-old driver was eating cereal at the time, took her eyes off the road, then crashed into the pole at 35-40 mile per hour. She reported no major injuries and was transported to the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) for evaluation.

Later that afternoon, the Squad responded for a 75-year-old woman suffering from heat stroke after sitting in a car with no air-conditioning for an extended period of time. The patient was weak and dizzy with shortness of breath and hot, dry skin. The crew immediately cooled her and transported her to UMCP for treatment.

On Wednesday, June 21, the Squad responded for a 92-year-old woman who was reported to have fallen the previous morning. A family member discovered the patient, who suffered a leg injury during the fall and was unable to get up.

On Friday June 23, the Squad responded to a nursing home where they found a 51-year-old man in severe distress and breathing inadequately with poor oxygenation of his blood. The crew immediately administered oxygen and ventilated him with a resuscitation mask, which significantly improved his blood oxygen levels. The patient was transported to UMCP for further treatment.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a non-profit, volunteer-run emergency services organization. For more information on membership and donation opportunities, visit [www.pfars.org](http://www.pfars.org) or call 924-3338.

## Police Blotter

Very early Monday morning, two Leigh Avenue residents complained to a patrolman on duty that they were assaulted and threatened by a man wielding a knife. They explained the man, Carlos Enriques Delcid, of 14½ Leigh Avenue, was intoxicated and intended to stab them because he believed them to be of Mexican extraction.

Delcid was located near Mexican Village restaurant with a 6-inch kitchen knife. He was taken to the University Medical Center for evaluation, after which he was to be released to the police for processing.

He was indicted on similar charges last December, stemming from an alcohol-related incident.

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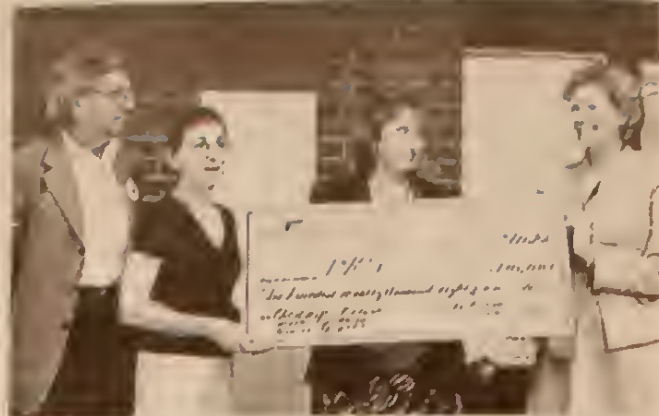
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**GIANT CHECK FOR NEW AUDITORIUM:** Marge D'Amlco (second from left) presenting a check from the Princeton Education Foundation (PEF) for over \$190,000 to the Princeton Regional School Board of Education on Tuesday, June 20. Ms. D'Amlco reported on the progress of the PEF's Take A Seat Campaign and said that the money will be used to purchase a pit cover/stage extension and a choral shell for the new auditorium at the high school. From left, Board President Michael Mostoller, Ms. D'Amlco, Shari Powell, and Superintendent of Schools Judith A. Wilson.

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### Valley Road Study

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rehabilitation of the site is estimated to be in the region of \$7 million and he objected to spending money on a study for the building that he called "an albatross."

Mr. Leinsdorf questioned the Board's competency in acting as a real estate developer, particularly in light of recent problems in construction at the middle school. "This is not the job of the Princeton Regional Schools Board," he said. "This is going to be a big mistake and should be rejected."

In response, Board President and Facilities Committee Chair Michael Mostoller stated that the Board was not recommending real estate speculation. "This is our facility and the Board must respond to its condition."

Board members Alan Hegdus and Walter Bliss also voiced disagreement with Mr. Leinsdorf, contending that the district had a duty to make sure that its property was maintained and used efficiently and to the benefit of the Princeton Regional Schools.

Given the history of the currently under-utilized facility, and the need to take into account the various needs and opinions of the community, it was suggested that the advice of a third party would prove invaluable in determining the best possible future outcome.

In spite of Mr. Leinsdorf's objections, the board voted to award the contract for the study.

### KSS Architects

According to a release distributed at the meeting, "KSS Architects was selected to conduct the next phase of exploration because of the firm's local and

regional successful experience, its partnership with a developer whose vision and breadth of ideas appealed to the Board, its commitment to a process of community and neighborhood inclusion, and its balance in envisioning the needs of the district with the needs of the community."

Established in 1983, KSS Architects is located on Witherspoon Street. It was named AIA NJ Firm of the Year in 2005 by the American Institute of Architects, and won a merit award for the Cranbury School in that same year.

Edmund P. Klimek will serve as KSS's partner in charge of the project, and Merilee Meacock, an associate in charge of the firm's school projects, will also be on the team.

After a first evaluation of the facilities, KSS will enter into a partnership with the Gale Company of Florham Park, which has local experience at Princeton Forrestal Village and Princeton Corporate Center and which will serve as a development consultant on the project.

Prior to the 2002 move of the Township offices to their current KSS-designed location, the municipal offices were based in the Valley Road building, which now houses the district's administrative offices.

The meeting was the last of the 2005-06 school year. The first meeting of the 2006-07 school year will take place on Tuesday, August 20 in the cafeteria of the John Witherspoon Middle School.

—Linda Arntzenius

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**SMILES ON A SUMMER'S DAY:** From left: Class President Pierce Edwin Tria, who graduated with highest honors, welcomed the assembled graduating Class of 2006, which then heard addresses from three students chosen by the senior class — Huguens Jean, Alfred Stephens and Youngmin Yi.

(Photos by E.J. Greenblatt)

## Congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2006!

Princeton High School's Commencement Exercises took place last Thursday, June 22. The processional, Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance" march, was performed by the Princeton High School Orchestra conducted by Robert Loughran as members of the 77th graduating class wearing their traditional blue robes assembled on the lawn in front of the high school tower.

Following the flag salute and the singing of the national anthem, Class President Pierce Edwin Tria, who graduated with highest honors, welcomed the assembly, which then heard addresses from three students chosen by the senior class — Huguens Jean, Alfred Stephens, and Youngmin Yi.

Mr. Jean spoke about the achievements of the Class of 2006, its teams' winning records in football and wrestling, its high scores in academic competitions, and its artistic prowess as demonstrated by the student-run Numina Gallery. Mr. Stephens spoke about school spirit and Ms. Yi about the future.

Having received their diplomas from Principal Gary Snyder and members of the

Princeton Regional Board of Education, the graduates stood to sing Princeton High School's Alma Mater:

"Now stand and sing with heart and voice  
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As the school orchestra played the recessional, the Triumphal March from Verdi's "Aida," the graduating class, proud parents, and members of the high school community dispersed.

Those graduating with Highest Honors, High Honor, and Honor are:

**Highest Honor**  
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Rachel Ann George, Toru Kato, Katherine Jean Kentoffo, Alicia Kollar, Jae Hyung Ryu, Michelle Ilana Singer Soffen, Pierce Edwin Tria.

**High Honor**  
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**Honor**  
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"Inspiration will come from images or scraps of language. I try not to write about ideas because that never works. If I know what I'm thinking it doesn't work; you have to discover that by writing. I tell a child: surprise yourself, don't try to control the poem, take your hands off the controls and let your poem soar." — Betty Bonham Lies

— By Linda Arntzenius

Although Betty Bonham Lies wrote poetry all through childhood, she more or less gave it up when she reached college. In the "dark ages" of the fifties, she said, "We read only dead, white, European and American male poets. We were told, in effect, you can't write poetry unless you're a man."

It wasn't until the late eighties when the Princeton Township resident was a seasoned teacher, that Ms. Lies re-discovered her muse. After inviting poet Lynn Powell into her English class at Stuart Country Day School and working together with her students on assignments set by Ms. Powell, Ms. Lies came back to poetry.

Ms. Lies believes that "Poetry is an important discipline for children. It is the most precise use of language." She has found that the close reading and attention to detail demanded of poetry benefits her students' expository writing.

With 28 years of teaching experience, 25 of them at Stuart, primarily at the high school level, she has also found that a good number of people are afraid of poetry and that children and adults often think that it is tougher than it is. One source of this fear, Ms. Lies believes, was the "new criticism" of the fifties, which "made people believe that a poem was a riddle for which there was a single correct answer."

Ms. Lies met this fear when she was teaching Methods of Teaching English at The College of New Jersey, where her student teachers appreciated learning from a high school teacher with first hand experience "in the trenches," so to speak. "They were terrified of teaching poetry because they felt that they had to know the right interpretation of the poem."

## Poet in the Schools

Since 1996, Ms. Lies — who has a New Jersey Supervisor's Certificate at Rider University and taught in both Michigan and Connecticut before moving to Princeton in 1961 — has been an Artist in Education for the New Jersey Writers' Project.

Named a Distinguished Teaching Artist in 2000 and in 2003, she has also earned the Governor's Award in Arts Education and been awarded several fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Ms. Lies is a poet in the schools for the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, as well as a Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Poet. As such, she goes wherever she is sent, traveling throughout New Jersey, primarily in Hunterdon County and to Voorhees in Camden County. Each year, however, she returns to Stuart Country Day School and now also to the Princeton Academy of the Sacred Heart.

Used to teaching at the high school and college level, Ms. Lies was daunted by the prospect of a second grade class. "I was terrified at first, but they were wonderful. The older children get, the more they learn the habit of school. They start asking: 'Have I done it right?' In second grade they don't worry about that, they just do it."

Reading poetry produced by a student with poor prose-writing skills proved to be a revelation. "She had incredible voice and language in poetry. I realized that the students' prose-writing was getting better because they were writing more poetry."

Ms. Lies also discovered that, very often, the best poets are not the A students. When she goes into a public school as a poet, she will ask that the kids in the resource room participate in the program. "They often write wonderful poetry and dazzle their peers. The opportunity to be recognized provides a great psychological boost for some of our academically weaker students."

Fascinated by the connection between poetry and expository writing, she went to Columbia University's Teachers College on a Klingenstein Fellowship to research the subject. Finding that very little scientific research had been then done on this, she produced instead a book for teachers of creative writing: *The Poet's Pen: Writing Poetry with Middle and High School Student*. The book gave her a chance to work with her son Brian Lies, a children's book writer and illustrator whose latest book *Bats at the Beach* was published recently.

Another book by Ms. Lies, *Eorth's Daughters: Stories of Women in Classical Mythology*, was facilitated by a stay at the Vermont Studio Center where she channeled the irritation she felt on finding that books on mythology featuring gods, heroes and monsters seem to feature women only marginally. "That was great fun."

## Cool Woman

Having done so much academic writing, however, Ms. Lies sometimes found it difficult to "let go and write poetry."

At the urging of Lynn Powell, then living in Princeton, she joined the U.S. 1 Poets' Cooperative, the nation's oldest extant poetry group, which was founded by Alicia Ostriker and Rod Tulloss in 1973. Attending the weekly critique sessions kept her writing and eventually led to her founding, along with several other U.S. 1 members, another group now known as Cool Women.

"We thought it would be fun to have a small group of just women who are all good critics and so we met, and still meet, every month on a Sunday afternoon to critique each others works. Critiques are still the most important part by far. We are very detailed and that's very helpful. The small size of the group is part of what makes it work, also the fact that everyone is good at critiquing."

Invited by Micawber Books to give a reading one Valentine's Day, the group needed a name for itself. Someone suggested, rather flippantly, "hot poems from cool women." Cool Women has evolved into a performance group that appears regularly in bookstores in the area as well as annually at Grounds for Sculpture. "It's fun and very energizing," said Ms. Lies. "I write sassier poems to use at performances."

Tonight at 7:30 in the Community Room of the Princeton Public Library, Ms. Lies will present her poetry with fellow poet Richard St. John as part of the U.S. 1 Poets Invite series.

—Linda Arntzenius



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## Corner House

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The Township is slated to hold a public hearing and final vote on the ordinance at its July 17 session.

In other news, members of Township Committee unanimously agreed to appropriate \$3,000 to the Princeton Borough Housing Authority for its Summer Exploration Camp program for youth in grades 1 through 5. Dana Hughes, representing the Authority, said that federal funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development has decreased in not only housing, but recreation as well.

The Borough has already moved to give \$3,000 to the program.

Finally, residents of Evergreen Circle in the Riverside district of the Township agreed to share with the Township the cost of installing Belgian block curbing. The street was planned for resurfacing by the Township's Public Works Department, and while the municipality typically replaces old concrete curbing with Belgian blocks, there was not enough damaged curb to merit a full replacement, said Robert Kiser, Township engineer. As such, the damaged curbing was to be replaced with concrete.

However, nine out of the 10 neighbors whose properties abut Evergreen have agreed to shoulder the \$13,000 needed to finance Belgian block curbing, payable over 10 years.

—Matthew Hersh

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¼ tsp organic sugar  
¼ tsp salt  
½ tsp fresh ground black pepper  
¼ cup extra virgin olive oil  
3 cups thinly sliced local organic Napa cabbage  
2¼ cups loosely packed fresh organic Italian (flat leaf) parsley, about 1½ large bunches  
1 cup thinly sliced organic radicchio

Whisk together lemon juice, lemon zest, sugar, salt, and pepper. Slowly add oil, whisking until mixture emulsifies.

Just before serving, toss cabbage, parsley, and radicchio in a large bowl with enough dressing to coat.

Season to taste with salt and pepper.

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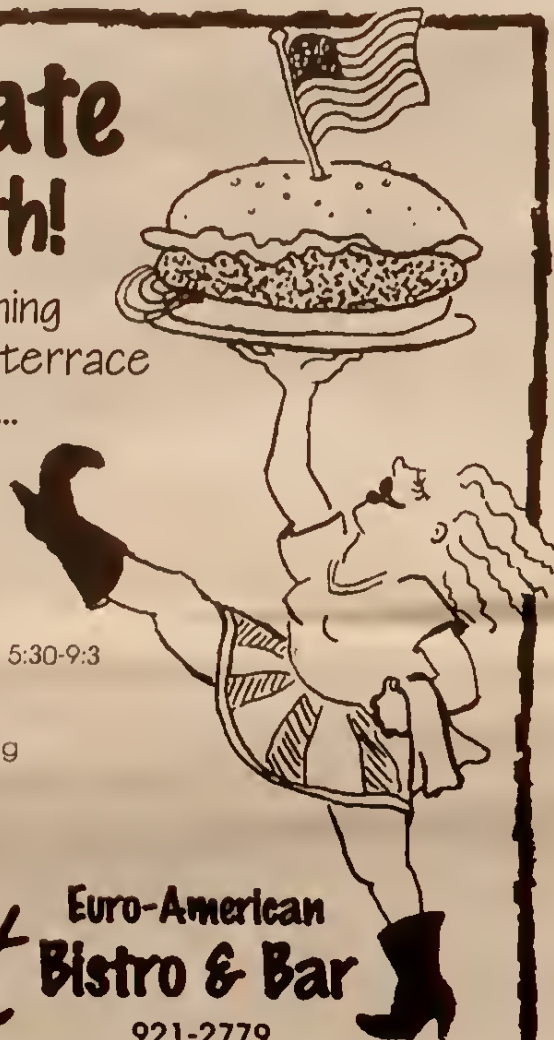
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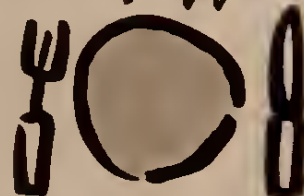
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**A TASTE OF ITALY IN PRINCETON:** Kristen Rubia, representing the small-scale olive oil producer, L'Acropoli di Puglia, presented a selection of their artisanal olive oils from the Puglia region of Italy to the Linderman family of Washington Oaks at Tuscan Hills on Nassau Street last Saturday, June 24. From left: M. Rubia, Rosemary and Richard Linderman, with their sons Travis and Richard, Jr., who took part in the tasting. "I use olive oil in my kitchen, exclusively, even for baking muffins," commented Ms. Linderman, whose maiden name is Paletta and whose father hails from Napoli.

(Photo by Linda Arntzenius)

## Mosto, Vivace, Amabile From L'Acropoli di Puglia

The diet of the Mediterranean region, with its abundant use of olive oil and fresh produce, is reputed to be among the healthiest in the world.

Tuscan Hills, the Princeton purveyor of fine products from Italy on the corner of Nassau and Harrison Streets, hosted an olive oil tasting on Saturday, June 24.

"Olive oil is a natural for Tuscan Hills," said owner Greg Evans, whose love of Italian food and tradition inspired him to open the business two and a half years ago. Before that, he had been a management consultant for almost fifteen years. When the company he worked for relocated, he faced the choice of relocating, too, or going into business for himself. He followed his passion for all things Italian, he said.

As with most of the items in the store, the oil it has added to its stock of fine linens, ceramics, antique and handcrafted furniture is artisan-produced from hand-picked olives using age-old methods for which the key word is slow. "These oils are cold pressed and aged to produce oil in small quantities of high quality," said olive enthusiast Kristin Rubia, who presented the tasting.

"Slow milling and cold pressing preserves the viscosity and integrity of the oil," she said. "Like all quality produce, the results are not hastened by artificial processing."

Ms. Rubia is a spokesperson for the fourth generation Italian olive oil producer L'Acropoli di Puglia, which takes its name from the town of Martina Franca in the Puglia region of Southern Italy. Perched high in the Murcian hills, the town has long been known as the "Acropolis" of Puglia for its cultural traditions. The reference is also fitting since, according to legend, the first olive tree was planted on the original Acropolis in Greece by the goddess Athena as her wise gift to mankind.

The olive has rich associations in the ancient world. A garland of olive leaves has long symbolized mankind's hopes for peace and the olive fruit has long been accorded healing properties. Hercules carried a club made from the wood of the olive tree. The goddesses on Mount Olympus used olive-based beauty creams. To the ancient Greeks, it was sacred. To the ever-pragmatic Romans, it was a soothing salve for the muscles of athletes.

In Italy's Puglia region, it has been harvested by four generations of the Lucarella family since 1889. L'Acropoli di Puglia is now run by 25-year-old Vincenzo Lucarella.

### Tasting

At Saturday's olive oil tasting, Ms. Rubia presented three extra virgin oils from L'Acropoli di Puglia: the unfiltered Mosto (literally, musty),

the cold-filtered Vivace (lively), and the cold-filtered and cavern-aged Amabile (likeable).

She suggested ways of pairing olive oils with food and for cooking, clarified tasting terms and shared tips on how to negotiate the sometimes rather confusing labels found on supermarket shelves.

Mosto was recommended for salads and for cooking. Vivace was described as a good all-purpose oil. Aged in rock cisterns for a year before being filtered, it had a greenish color, intense flavor, and the fragrance of fresh cut grass. Ms. Rubia's favorite oil for fish is the very smooth and pleasantly sweet, slightly almond-flavored Amabile, which is matured at least three years and is a yellow-green color. These oils are sold in Tuscan Hills for between \$24.95 and \$38 per bottle.

While the color is often the first thing one may notice about an oil, it is no indicator of quality, said Ms. Rubia. Her tips for choosing oil begin with the container; if the oil is being sold in a clear bottle, be careful, she said. "Olive oil must be protected from sunlight and should be kept in dark glass. And always store olive oil in a cool place."

Just to confuse matters, the terminology used on labels of oil sold in supermarkets can be misleading. According to Ms. Rubia, so-called "pure" olive oil is often mixed with other oils such as sunflower or canola. "Light" olive oil doesn't refer to calories but to color and taste.

Ms. Rubia spoke about the art of tasting olive oil, its health benefits, and the difference between mass-produced oil and that produced following traditional methods such as those practiced by L'Acropoli di Puglia, a special-

ist in olives picked by hand and taken to the press within 48 hours. The olives are then crushed and transformed into a paste using heavy milling stones (molazze). The first pressing yields *fiore di frutto*, or *mosto*, which is then stored for ripening in underground cisterns, and left undisturbed save for an occasional pouring.

### Tuscan Hills

Like the olives, everything in the store is hand picked. Mr. Evans travels to the regions of Tuscany and Umbria four or five times each year in search of new products.

As well as selling to the public, the store increasingly serves the restaurant trade (such as Luca's on Route 27) and interior design firms.

At Saturday's tasting, the oils were presented on dishes hand crafted in Italy. In fact, almost everything in Tuscan Hills is handmade. And in many instances, the families who make the linens, jewelry, furniture, and ceramics carried in the store are known personally to Mr. Evans.

Tuscan Hills employee Wendy Paladini shares Mr. Evans's love of all things made in Italy. "My husband is from Florence and I've lived there," she said. "I love the lifestyle, all the small artisans working to create handcrafted items with pride." Prior to joining Tuscan Hills, Ms. Paladini had her own Internet business selling Italian ceramics. When she approached Mr. Evans to buy from her, he promptly hired her to work for Tuscan Hills.

Also working in the store and sharing her love of Italian ceramics, is Sandy Cannon, who travels often to Italy on visits to family relatives. Ms. Cannon, too, had her own business, specializing in ceramics, especially Biscotti jars imported from Italy and supplied through Ms. Paladini. "Italy gets under your skin," said Ms. Cannon. It seems that all involved in Tuscan Hills would agree.

—Linda Arntzenius

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"Using worm castings is a relatively new procedure," says Mr. Draycott, who has been in the tree care industry for 25 years. "It started on the West Coast and has only recently come to New Jersey."

Tech-Terra opened three years ago. Mr. Draycott purchased it this past April, and now has locations in Lawrenceville and Mount Laurel.

Using environmentally-friendly products is important to him. "For the past 20 years, I managed plant health care, and I have always tried to find safer methods. Those years of using pesticides didn't feel right. Now, we are treating the cause of the problem, not the symptoms."

### Red Wrigglies

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Lots and lots of worms are needed for a proper brew, and Mr. Draycott's castings are obtained from worm farms, which are home to a myriad of "Red Wrigglies", a type of earthworm.

"They are in a controlled environment and given a special diet," he explains. "Then, the castings are captured and shipped to me as needed."

Special machinery at his plant turns the castings into the finished brew in 24 hours. It can then be sprayed on the trees and plants, or applied to the roots, says Mr. Draycott, adding that it must be done quickly while the organisms are still fresh and vigorous.

### Strong and Healthy

"Trees are stronger and healthier after the treatment and can fight off disease and insects," he reports. "The number of treatments de-

pends on the condition of the tree and the soil. Typically three times a year is appropriate. Treatment is very customized depending on the type of plant, and it can be done anytime of year, as long as the ground is not frozen."

In addition to the liquid Worm Brew, Mr. Draycott offers dry worm castings, a "compost with the consistency of potting soil". He hopes to have this available at local nurseries for customers. He also has a wholesale operation for landscapers, providing worm castings and other organic products, as well as doing applications for landscaping companies.

"These organic soil amendments enable plants to choose the nutrients they need, when they need them, as nature intended," explains Mr. Draycott. "In the natural system, nutrients are held in place in the soil until the plants need them."

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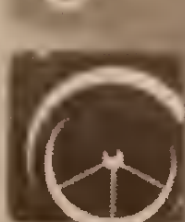
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"It can be very complex," adds Mr. Grunbaum. "American companies may be doing business abroad and have to comply with foreign government regulations, as well as dealing with the FDA. Companies call us when there is a problem, and they may not have the expertise in a particular area. It can take eight to 12 years to put a product on the market from the initial development. They want to do it as quickly as possible."

### Broad Experience

Both Mr. Grunbaum and Ms. Barsky are experts. Ms. Barsky has almost 20 years of broad pharmaceutical experience in the areas of analytical chemistry, quality assurance, quality control,

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She has worked for such companies as Bristol-Myers Squibb, Sankyo Pharma, Inc., and Jacobus Pharmaceutical.

Mr. Grunbaum's areas of expertise include computer system validation, quality assurance, and compliance with 21 CFR part 11 (the electronic records/electronic signatures final rule). He has also provided validation and compliance enforcement training to the FDA, and developed quality plans and validation strategies for software companies planning to begin operations in the pharmaceutical industry.

Prior to forming Practical Solutions in May 2005, He was President of META Solutions, Inc.

Ms. Barsky and Mr. Grunbaum worked together in 2001, when, as Mr. Grunbaum explains, "I was the consultant and Emma the client. It was for a year on a high-intensity project. We had a synergy — values, a work ethic, and complementary skills. I'm a problem-identifier, and Emma's a problem-solver, excellent in the detail area."

"To open a consulting business," he continues, "you have to build on something, especially on the contacts you have. The biggest challenge is contacts, contacts, contacts! How do you make someone see that regulatory compliance is part and parcel of the business? We have

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Mr. Grunbaum adds that Practical Solutions bring more to their clients than just professional expertise, as important as that is. "Every project is different. You have to take your collective experience, intuition, background, and contacts and try to come up with a practical business solution for that company. And you always have to expect the unexpected. There are always different challenges."

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"It is so challenging and stimulating," she adds. "It is so rewarding at the end of the day to feel you have found solutions for the client. Professionally and intellectually, it is the most rewarding experience in the world."

Looking at the overall picture and developing "practical solutions" is key, agree Ms. Barsky and Mr. Grunbaum. "First and primarily, our advice is that without a business context, it's like serving coffee without a cup. It can't be done. Our clients are businesses, and we emphasize the business end of all our work. It's a very down-to-earth, practical approach."

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## BOOK REVIEW

## A Masterful Princeton History Meets a Labor of Love

One reason I put off reading James Axtell's *The Making of Princeton University: From Woodrow Wilson to the Present* (Princeton University Press \$35) was the subject. Do we really need another 600-plus pages about the University? The answer is yes — if the book in question is as good as this one is.

Another reason I hesitated to take up Axtell's book was personal. Between 1976 and 1978, I was up to my ears in Princetoniana while helping the University's secretary emeritus, Alexander Leitch, pull together his encyclopedic *A Princeton Companion* (also published by Princeton University Press). Alec Leitch, a Princeton native who died in 1987, would be pleased if he knew how frequently his prolonged and often agonizing labor of love is cited in Axtell's notes. He might be less pleased, however, with this "warts and all" portrait of his alma mater. One of the things that made work on the *Companion* so arduous and time-consuming was the perennial secretary's determination to bypass or downplay or exclude anything he thought might reflect badly on the University. Like the true Princetonian he was, he deeply revered Old Nassau and was protective of its image. He also suffered somewhat from the dedicated administrator's compulsion to be "politic, cautious, and meticulous" even when the material at hand was only mildly negative or controversial. He agonized for hours over issues that an objective observer with Axtell's eye for compelling detail would have taken in stride.

Based on the various books I consulted when I was working on the *Companion*, I think it's safe to say that Axtell's is the only one that would attract and hold readers who have no special connection to the University. In other words, its appeal transcends the alumni market. Besides being arguably the most readable account of Princeton ever written, this overview of college life is so illuminating on such a wide range of subjects, including administration, faculty, admission standards, scholarship, and life inside and outside the classroom, that it stands not only as the definitive work on its specific subject but as an invaluable study of the university experience in general.

## The Jewish Problem

A fictional alumnus named Robert Cohn kept coming to mind when I was reading about antisemitism at Princeton. One of the most famous opening sentences in American literature is in Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises*: "Robert Cohn was once middleweight boxing champion at Princeton." Hemingway's narrator goes on to point out that Cohn had learned boxing "to counteract the feeling of inferiority

and shyness he had felt on being treated as a Jew at Princeton." Since Axtell devotes a fair amount of attention to "the Jewish problem," and since he is so good at bringing in interesting sidelights on every subject he takes up, it's surprising that he didn't do something with this connection; his only mention is in a note citing an article about the "real Robert Cohns." Axtell makes excellent if predictable use of F. Scott Fitzgerald's Princeton writings and activities, and he makes equally effective use of Hemingway biographer Carlos Baker's fictional "Enfield University" as a reflection of the reality, but he leaves out Cohn, possibly the best-known "fictional" Princetonian (based on a "real Robert Cohn" named Harold Loeb, who was a wrestler here, not a boxer). It's also worth noting that Fitzgerald actually helped Hemingway find his way to that first paragraph when he suggested cutting the original opening, which apparently contained too much uncharacteristic exposition.

In any case, Robert Cohn is representative of the stereotypical Jewish male who was *persona non grata* at Princeton in Fitzgerald's time. One of the more stunning revelations in *The Making of Princeton* is that even someone who arrived on campus with the pedigree of Henry Morganthau suffered from antisemitism. Here was the son of Roosevelt's Treasury secretary, a graduate of Deerfield Academy, and yet, as Axtell puts it, "despite his tweedy, patrician looks, his distinguished family (which won him an invitation to visit Einstein at home), his cross-country 'P,' his visibility on the editorial boards of the Nassau Literary Magazine and the Daily Princetonian.... he was declared unfit to eat with by more than three-quarters of the two upper classes." In other words, he suffered the "polite sadomachistic experience" called bicker, his sophomore year, and ended up waiting for a knock on the door that never came. He did not even get a bid from the eating clubs "at the bottom of the pecking order," and he was still feeling the pain a half-century later when he wrote: "From then on, I was a social paraplegic."

An even more desirable "catch" who suffered the same treatment for different reasons was Richard Holzman Demuth. Here was the textbook BMO, class salutatorian, Phi Beta Kappa, member of the banjo club and University orchestra, winner of oratorical prizes, mainstay of the debating team, "one of the most brilliant and ... most substantial students at the University." Demuth lived alone all four years and was never invited to join an eating club, not because he was Jewish, but because he looked Jewish. Axtell's most devastating comment on this absurdity is to include a photo of Demuth, one of a number of wisely chosen illustrations, including a rarely seen picture of Scott Fitzgerald as "the most beautiful show-girl" in *The Evil Eye*, a Triangle Club production for which he wrote the lyrics.

A good example of Axtell's lively style is his summation of the influence the eating clubs had on admission policy at that time: "At Princeton, with its dominant ethos of 'clubability' ... the eating-club

tail was perfectly capable of wagging the university Tiger."

## Did You Know?

Like its fact-filled predecessor, *A Princeton Companion*, *The Making of Princeton* offers numerous "did-you-know's." Did you know, for example, that the Graduate College's first home was the "three-story Victorian house and eleven landscaped acres on Bayard Lane" still called Merwick and now owned by the Princeton Health Care System? If the pending land sale goes through, Merwick will be returned to something resembling its original purpose when the hospital moves to Plainsboro and the University purchases the site for use as additional housing for faculty, staff, and graduate students.

Another did-you-know: That up until 1990, to qualify for graduation from Princeton, students had to be able to swim 220 yards with both breast and back strokes and to make "a fair dive" (but, in Axtell's words, "not, mercifully, from the high board"). Since no one had ever been

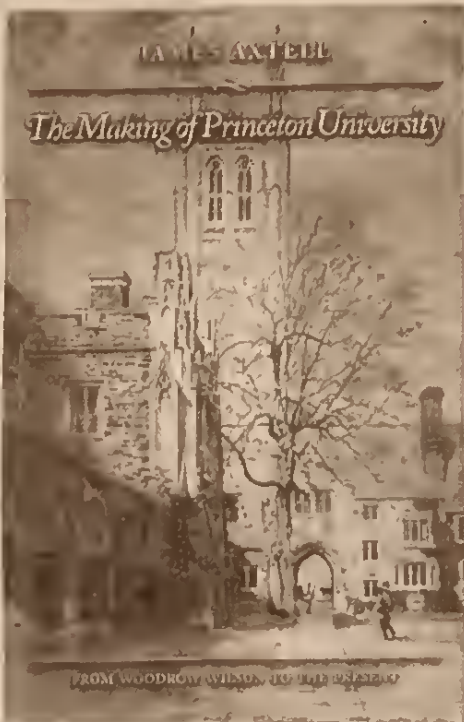
denied a diploma for failing the test, it was finally removed from the curriculum.

And another: That in 1948 and 1960, each and every freshman was photographed at McCosh infirmary "front, side, and rear without fig leaf or explanation" for the sake of a Columbia-based eugenicist seeking to establish the relationship between body types and "intelligence, temperament, and 'moral worth.'" According to Axtell, the "posture photos" were shredded in 1995.

## The Secretary Emeritus

James Axtell's book does full justice to the same subject areas — the Princetonian, Triangle Club, Eating Clubs, Wilson School — that occasioned memorable marathon work sessions with Alec Leitch in his small Firestone Library office as *A Princeton Companion* staggered and stumbled into a frantic home stretch. My wife and I both worked on the book; the *Companion* brought us to Princeton and paid our baby's hospital bill. If you were around the campus in the late 1970s, you must have seen Mr. Leitch scuttling along with his stooping secretarial posture, developed during four decades of work: from the time he graduated with the Class of 1924 to his retirement in 1966, one of the longest tenures in the history of the University. And he'd hardly begun to enjoy his retirement before taking on this enormous project, which he planned with the help of his wife Mary and his son Sandy, both of whom died before it was completed. Working side by side with him in that tiny office was not always a delightful experience, though I smile whenever I remember it. His nerves frayed by the pressure of his task, the secretary emeritus did not suffer interruptions gladly. When he read various drafts of this or that entry aloud to me, he seemed to be trying to make himself heard in the last row of a vast lecture hall. He was a small man but he did not have a small voice, and one day the history professor in the adjoining office came gently knocking at our door. "Alec, do you think you could read a bit more, well, quietly?" he asked. It was a civilized enough request, politely, even meekly, tendered by a distinguished historian named Charles Gillespie. The response was neither quiet, nor polite, nor distinguished. I can still see Prof. Gillespie backing out of the office and I can still hear Mr. Leitch lamenting (as he did whenever we had to pick up our work and head for Chancellor Green), "Once again like the Arabs, we pack up our tents and creep away!" I can't believe he said that with a straight face. Whenever I think of Alexander Leitch, he has a twinkle in his eye.

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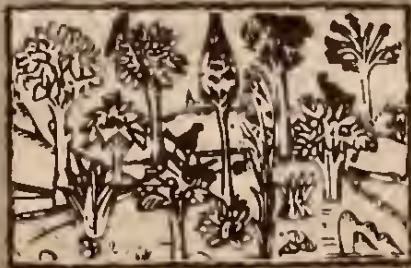
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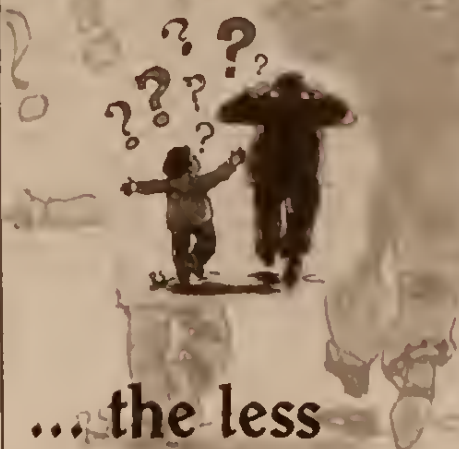
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**A COLLABORATION:** Psychoanalyst Ruth Velikovsky Sharon has just released a new book co-authored with her husband, Dr. John Cathro Seed, *The More You Explain, The Less They Understand* (Julia White \$17.50). The authors are scheduled for a Barnes and Noble book-signing at Marketfair on Tuesday, July 11, from 7 to 8 p.m.

### Local Authors in New Book Make Parents Accountable

"Parents should be held legally accountable for their children's crimes at any age," according to psychoanalyst Ruth Velikovsky Sharon, who has just released a new book co-authored with her husband, Dr. John Cathro Seed. *The More You Explain, The Less They Understand* (Julia White \$17.50) is amusingly illustrated by Ralph Schlegel's cartoons.

Parental responsibility is one of the points Dr. Sharon stressed when discussing the new book. "Overgratification in childhood," she said, "gives the child the message that there are no rules, no boundaries, and no consequences. The child grows up lacking empathy while feeling entitled and deserving." As a result, observed Dr. Sharon, they hurt others as well as themselves by "overeating, smoking, drinking too much, and not respecting the clock."

Dr. Seed offers detailed coverage in the area of physical health, including advice on avoiding dangers; advanced medical treatment; cigarette smoking; and obesity; his advice on diet includes an analysis of weight-reduction

programs and a five-page list of permitted and forbidden foods and beverages.

Dr. Sharon's text features lists of qualifiers used by parents (hopefully, possibly, probably, seems to, sounds like, etc.) and an amusing collection of euphemisms.

Her previous book, about a new dream theory, *Shome on You, You Were in My Dream*, came out in 2003, also published by Julia White. She has co-authored *I Refuse to Raise a Brat* and written two books about her father, Immanuel Velikovsky (*The Glory and the Torment* and *The Truth Behind the Torment*), which chronicle the controversy surrounding the scientific theories expounded in his best-selling book, *Worlds in Collision*.

The authors of *The More You Explain, The Less They Understand* will talk about the book at a book signing on Tuesday, July 11, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Marketfair Barnes and Noble.

**Ruth Velikovsky Sharon, Ph.D.  
John Cathro Seed, M.D.**

### Water Works Conservancy Honors NJ History, Book

In recognition of June's Celebrate New Jersey Month, the Water Works Conservancy recently hosted a Celebrate New Jersey History Luncheon at the Books NJ store in the Archive Building at the Statehouse. The event featured author Clifford W. Zink, a Princeton resident, signing his award-winning book, *The Hackensack Water Works*, which won both the 2004 NJ Historic Preservation Award and the 2004 Bergen County Historic Preservation Award. The luncheon's history-themed dishes were prepared by Mar-sillo's in Trenton.

Mr. Zink's book was published by the Water Works Conservancy and partially funded by the NJ Historical Commission. National Landmark eligible, the Hackensack Water Works is on the National and New Jersey Reg-

ional Importance and a "designated project" of Save America's Treasures; it is also listed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the "11 Most Endangered National Historic Sites" and by Preservation New Jersey as one of the "10 Most Endangered Historic Sites in New Jersey." Bergen County owns the site and has committed to stabilizing and preserving it.

Representatives from historic organizations throughout the state attended the luncheon to celebrate four centuries of New Jersey History and raise awareness of historic preservation issues. Honorary Hosts of the event included: The Honorable Senators Diane B. Allen, Joseph Coniglio, Richard J. Codey, Leonard Lance and Loretta Weinberg and The Honorable Assembly Members Michael J. Doherty, Thomas P. Giblin, Nellie Pou, David C. Russo, Charlotte Vandervalk and Joan M. Voss.



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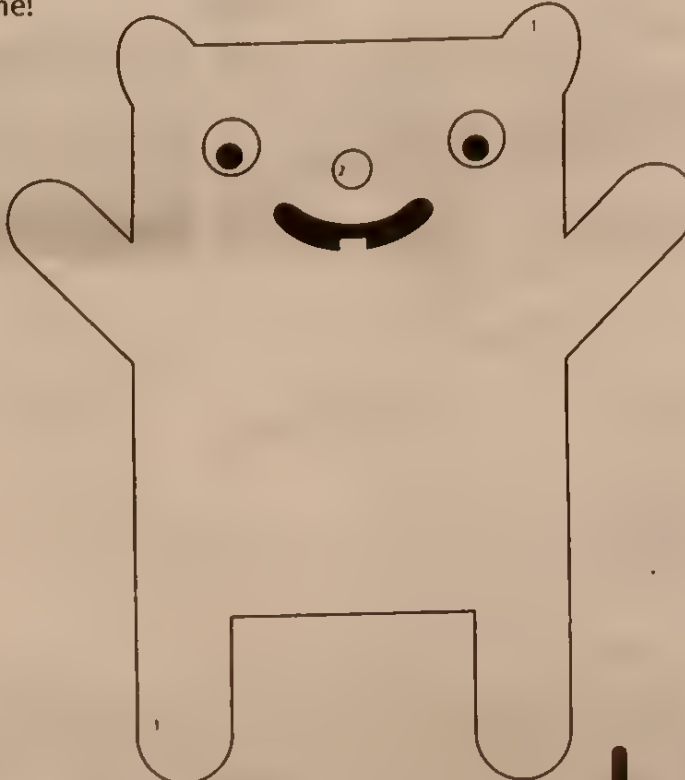
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### Traffic and Transportation Committee Seeking Feedback for Crosswalk Study

To the Editor:

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) is supporting a six-month study in Princeton Borough to improve pedestrian comfort and safety by evaluating the Borough's crosswalks and setting priorities for crosswalk improvement. All the Borough has to do is give the consultants good information. That's where the opinions of Princeton residents come in.

Residents who walk regularly in Princeton Borough are the experts on crosswalks around town; they know best what the situation is on the ground. The consultants need their answers to some or all of the following questions:

- Are there locations where you have difficulty crossing the street? If so, where?
- Do you find that motorists generally obey the yield-to-

pedestrian laws? If not, where is noncompliance a problem?

- Where marked crosswalks exist, which ones seem most in need of improvement?
- Are there locations without marked crosswalks where you feel crosswalks are needed?

The Borough's busiest streets — Nassau, Bayard, and Stockton — are State roads. No changes can be made to crosswalks on these roads without State approval and support. That is a long process sometimes. It is essential that we inform NJDOT via its consultants about specific locations where problems exist. If there is widespread citizen concern about

badly marked, missing, or poorly signalized crosswalks, then the Borough is ultimately better able to make the case for improvements.

Most roads fall under the Borough's aegis, however, and citizen concern will be an important factor in helping Borough engineers allocate scarce resources: setting priorities for crosswalk painting and repair, improving sight lines, and calming traffic near dangerous intersections.

Finally, residents' responses now will help the consultants identify approximately ten crosswalks for close study. The final report, due for completion in December, will not only include a Crosswalks Plan for Princeton Borough, it will also include detailed scrutiny of particular trouble spots.

Comments and observations should be e-mailed to [adamst@pbworld.com](mailto:adamst@pbworld.com) or sent to Tom Adams at Parsons Brinckerhoff, 506 Carnegie Center Boulevard, Princeton 08540. We will be inviting the public to attend a meeting in September that will bring everyone up to date on the project and will solicit further comments.

Good public response permitted the Traffic and Transportation Committee to complete its Report on Pedestrian Issues two summers ago, and it helped convince the NJDOT that Princeton Borough residents and officials would enthusiastically embrace the current study. Those who know best how the crosswalks in town work are invited to speak up; even a few brief comments will help.

SANDY SOLOMON, Chair  
PHYLLIS TEITELBAUM, Member  
Borough Traffic and Transportation Committee

### Animal Shelter Responds to Criticism Of Its Development Plans in Skillman

To the Editor:

We read the letter of Sarah Romagnole (Town Topics Mailbox, May 24) regarding our plans for development of our property on Route 601 with considerable distress. We hope our response will alleviate some of the concerns she has expressed.

SAVE, A Friend to Homeless Animals, is dedicated to caring and humane treatment of adoptable homeless dogs and cats, and safe return of lost dogs and cats to their owners. SAVE also provides a humane education program for local schools as well as a number of other animal oriented programs. Although SAVE has contracts with several local municipalities to assist their animal control officers, well over 90 percent of our funding is in donations from almost 2,000 local supporters who believe in our mission.

We currently occupy a facility, part of which dates to the 19th century, that is simply inadequate in respect to its size. Further, our present lot is quite small, and contiguous residential development has occurred which prevents our expansion under current zoning. In the alternative, our property on Route 601 is large and for the most part well insulated by wetlands which will not be developed. We are several hundred yards removed from any residential neighbors.

We plan to do two things that we believe will benefit Montgomery Township as well as the area's homeless animals. First, we will, to the extent of our financial resources, restore the Van Zandt mansion for use as our administrative offices. No animals will be housed in the Van Zandt mansion and this project is moving forward at this time. As we trust Mrs. Romagnole knows, the mansion has been vacant and deteriorating for a number of years. Second, we will utilize the site of the original Van Zandt barn for our new animal shelter. We will be constructing the shelter with New Jersey's new proposed animal shelter regulations in mind. Additionally, the site in question has zoning approval to be an animal shelter by both the State of New Jersey and the Township of Montgomery.

With respect to the animal population, we will not be exceeding the number of animals approved by the Township. Mrs. Romagnole is quite correct about our mission. We intend to deal with adoptable animals and find homes for them. We are not equipped to house unadoptable animals. Like her, we are concerned about noise and have in place plans that will minimize, if not completely eliminate, noise from the shelter. Further, we do not contemplate having more than 15 dogs at any one time, as the vast bulk of our animals are cats.

In conclusion, we plan to spend in excess of \$4 million to restore the Van Zandt mansion and create a facility that everyone in our region can be genuinely proud of, financed and supported by private donations. We will be pleased to work and share our plans with all interested parties and welcome positive input from the community.

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## ART

### Contemporary America On View at Gallery 14

Gallery 14 is presenting an exhibit by two photographers, gallery member Jim Hilgendorf and guest photographer Kathleen Connally. The show opens July 14 with a reception for the public from 6 to 9 p.m. and continues through August 27. Meet the photographers on Sunday, July 16, from 1 to 3 p.m.

Each photographer will be exhibiting a personal vision of America and its environs, ranging from the truck stops of middle America to the pastoral landscapes of Bucks County.

"Trucks and Truckers" is the subject of Jim Hilgendorf's work. For the past two years, he has been photographing trucks, truckers, and the locations they stop at for rest and refueling. The exhibit consists of new photographs from this continuing project which was facilitated by TravelCenters of America, which gave him permission to photograph their truck stop/travel centers around the United States.

Mr. Hilgendorf has previously photographed people and places in Asia and South America. This exhibit is from the long-term project he assigned himself two years ago. He has covered some 10,000 miles in his travels across America and more than 15 different locations, from Jessup, Md. to Ontario, Canada. Along the way he has had the chance to meet a diverse set of individuals representing a true cross-section of America. While some photographs in the exhibit focus on the colorful personalities of the truckers as well as the beauty of their trucks, other works endeavor to capture the aesthetic of the truck stops themselves.

His work can be seen on the Gallery 14 website, [www.photosgallery14.com](http://www.photosgallery14.com) and at [www.jimhilgendorf.com](http://www.jimhilgendorf.com).

Kathleen Connally's exhibit is titled "The Value of the Land." She grew up in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, during the 1970s, before urban sprawl crept into the Brandywine Valley, home to three generations of Wyeth family artists as well as numerous other painters and illustrators inspired by the pastoral beauty of the southern Chester County country-

side. Raised within a thriving art community alongside working farms and undeveloped land, Kathleen's surroundings fostered a passion for photography and a quest to represent and preserve the rural character of Pennsylvania through her images.

After living and working in New York City, London and Seattle, Ms. Connally settled in Durham Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1999, an area similar to Chadds Ford in rural character and topography. Durham Township is the ongoing subject of Kathleen's award-winning, regularly updated photoblog, "A Walk Through Durham Township, Pennsylvania," on line at [www.durhamtownship.com](http://www.durhamtownship.com).

The images in "The Value of the Land," taken between January and June of this year, show the land in and around Durham Township as it exists now: undisturbed, undeveloped, used by farmers, and enjoyed by others as open space.

Ms. Connally's photo, "Warm Day In January," recently won the "People's Choice Award" at the 2006 Phillips Mill Photographic Exhibition. Additional photographs by Ms. Connally can be seen at [www.durhamtownship.com](http://www.durhamtownship.com).

Gallery hours are Saturdays and Sundays, from noon to 5 p.m. and by appointment.

### Meet the Artists Events At New Hope Art Gallery

Howard Gallery of Fine Art in New Hope, Pa. will be hosting a series of "Meet the Artist" receptions every Saturday evening between July 1 and August 26. The receptions are open to art lovers and collectors alike and will take place from 6 until 10 p.m. or later, with refreshments featuring one of many ethnic themes.

Visitors will have an opportunity to speak one on one with a selected gallery artist in a relaxed atmosphere on subjects such as how they approached specific paintings, what made them decide to paint in a particular style, and how purchasing one of their paintings today could be an investment in the future.

Among the artists who will be present on Saturday eve-

nings through August 26 are Joy Barth, Dot Bunn, Susan Ketcham, Tom Linker, Lisa Mahan, and Luiz Vilela.

Howard Gallery of Fine Art represents original paintings, sculpture, and glass by living regional artists. Admission is free and visitors are encouraged to bring along other art admirers or collectors. Groups are welcome with advance registration only. There are 8 rooms and 3,000 square feet of space, as well as off street parking. For more information, contact Howard Cooperman at (215) 862-5272 or visit the website at [www.howard-gallery.com](http://www.howard-gallery.com).

### Tour de France Evening Coming to the Michener

The James A. Michener Art Museum is presenting an evening of Tour de France stories with John Eustice on Wednesday, July 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at its Doylestown location. Mr. Eustice is the owner of Sparta Cycling, which organizes the Univest Grand Prix; a former United States Professional Champion; and longtime ESPN cycling analyst for the Tour de France.

Registered riders of ArtCycle 2006 can attend the event at no charge. Interested riders must register for the ArtCycle ride by July 18 at [www.artcycle.org](http://www.artcycle.org) or call (215) 340-9800 to attend the event for free. Refreshments will be served at the Tour De France event, and Cycle Sports will present some of this year's hottest road bikes.

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ArtCycle is an annual fundraiser for the Michener Art Museum's educational programs and takes place on Sunday, September 10. The ride is through the scenic countryside of Bucks County, with rides of varying lengths to accommodate riders of all experience levels.

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**JENN JUMPING:** This photograph by Gallery 14 guest photographer Kathleen Connally will be on exhibit from July 14 through August 27. There will be a reception for the public from 6 to 9 p.m. on July 14 and a Meet the Photographers event on Sunday, July 16, from 1 to 3 p.m.



**CABLING AS ART:** Trenton's industrial heritage is celebrated in "Totally Trenton, A Modern Look Back," a photography exhibit by Guy Ciarcia opening in the Gallery at Plainsboro Public Library on Sunday, July 16 at 3 p.m. Roebing's innovative cabling for suspension bridges becomes abstract art as in Ciarcia's view of multi-segmented rounds of Roebing's wire shot in cross section.

### Plainsboro Library Hosts Totally Trenton Exhibit

The Gallery at Plainsboro Public Library will be presenting "Totally Trenton, A Modern Look Back," a photography exhibit by Guy Ciarcia on Sunday, July 16 at 3 p.m. as part of the Library's summer program.

Supported by a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the exhibit offers 16 large scale, interpretive photos amplifying Trenton themes that will be developed throughout July and August. Balancing the need to document specific topics with the desire to be experimental, the photographer developed fresh angles and techniques for his seemingly ordinary subjects: the Delaware River, the Trenton War Memorial, Shiloh Baptist Church Choir, Waterfront Park, the Barracks, the offices of The Trentonian, and John Fitch, inventor of the steam boat.

To capture the spirit of the first pro basketball game, played in Trenton on November 7, 1896, the photographer contacted high school coach Reggie Murray, who set up a special game for the artist to record. Splicing, dicing, coloring and aligning the images, the artist created a composite work evoking the game that Trenton did much to develop and popularize at the turn of the century.

In contrast to the intricate design of the basketball picture are two images featuring fundamental elements in Trenton's industrial heritage: Roebing's innovative cabling for suspension bridges; and clay, the basis for Trenton's world famous pottery industry, from Lenape times to present day Boehm, Lennox, and Cybils. While it is unlikely that these everyday items are prime candidates for interpretive photography, Mr. Ciarcia's touch creates striking views of the multi-segmented rounds of



**FACE ART:** Daniel Smits took this photograph on the streets of Havana. It's from his latest collection, "Street Knowledge" and will be on view in an exhibit at Small World Coffee from July 4 to August 1. The opening reception will be from 7 to 9 p.m. on July 7.

Roebing's wire in cross section.

Mr. Ciarcia's photos will be the basis of the Gallery's annual juried challenge during the Fall Arts Festival in September. Professional artists will be given copies of each picture, to refashion. The original pictures may be digitally reworked, animated, folded into origami, collaged, turned into an icon, painted onto a mammoth canvas or treated in any artistic method imaginable, and then returned to the Gallery to be exhibited together with the original Ciarcia photos. The annual challenge offers the non-artist insights into the possibilities of artistic expression. Artists interested in participating in the Challenge, should contact Jinny at (609) 275-2897 or Baekler@lmxac.org.

Mr. Ciarcia's exhibit will run through August 31. It will then be rehung, together with the Challenge submissions, and remain on view through

September 23. After that time, the exhibit will be available for loan through Plainsboro Public Library.

The Gallery is located in the Municipal Center at 641 Plainsboro Road. Open Monday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.. For details and/or directions call (609) 275-2897 or visit [www.lmxac.org/plainsboro](http://www.lmxac.org/plainsboro).

4 to August 1. The opening reception is set for July 7 from 7 to 9 p.m.

For the past 10 years Mr. Smits has held the position of Artistic Director at the award-winning Metropolis Spa and Salon in Princeton.

Immersed in the places, people, and events that become his vision and guide, Mr. Daniel's photographs evoke the emotional and spiritual interactions with the moment at hand.

"Street Knowledge," his latest collection, includes black and white photographs taken in 2005, "while stalking the forbidden streets" of Havana, Cuba. "In front of you are objective facts," the photographer said. "What you leave out of the frame: these are all who lives in Lawrenceville, factors in creating a certain the exhibit will run from July feeling."

### Small World Exhibiting Daniel Smits Photos

Small World Coffee's Artist of the Month is Daniel Smits, a 30-year-old self-taught photographer, hair stylist, and DJ who lives in Lawrenceville. The exhibit will run from July

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**The CG Gallery**, 10 Chambers Street in Princeton, is exhibiting miniature oil paintings by Elisabeth Borgerhoff Pomerlau from now through July.

**Gallery 125** at 125 South Warren Street in Trenton is celebrating its second anniversary with an exhibit that will run through September 1.

**Gallery 14**, 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, is presenting an exhibit by photographers Lois Greenfield and Joanna Tully from now through July 9. A n exhibit featuring Jim Hilgendorf and Kathleen Connally opens July 14 with a reception for the public from 6 to 9 p.m. and continues through August 27.

**Grounds for Sculpture** is presenting an exhibit of kinetic sculpture by George Rickey in the museum building that will run through September 24. Toad Hall Shop & Gallery is hosting "Driven: Kinetic Sculpture by Jeff Kahn and Rein Triefeldt" through July 15, 2006. Hours are Tuesday through

Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit [www.groundsforsculpture.org](http://www.groundsforsculpture.org).

**Harrison Street Gallery** in Frenchtown will be featuring work by landscape painter Joe Kazimierczyk from June 29 through July 30. A reception will be held at the gallery on Saturday, July 1, from 5 to 9 p.m.

**The Historical Society of Princeton** is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through the summer. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

**Howard Gallery of Fine Art** in New Hope, Pa. will be hosting a series of "Meet the Artist" receptions every Saturday evening between July 1 and August 26. The receptions are open to art lovers and collectors alike and will take place from 6 until 10 p.m. or later.

**The Hunterdon Museum of Art** is presenting "Works by Toshiko Takaezu." The show will run through August 20. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

**The James A. Michener Art Museum** in Doylestown is presenting a major new exhibit, "Show Business: Irving Berlin's Hollywood" through September 3. "The Heart of Haiti," which features 20 portraits by Philadelphia-area photographer Andrea Baldeck, will run through July 9. "Diane

Burko: Flow," featuring 25 of Ms. Burko's works, including paintings and photographs, will run through October 15. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

"Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross" will be on view in the **Deila Penna Gallery at the Michener's New Hope museum** at 500 Union Square Drive through October 1.

**The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum** is presenting "Piranesi: Architecture of the Eye and Mind" through July 27; "Strange Mr. Satie Comes to the Zimmerli: Children's Book Illustrations by Petra Mathers," through July 16; Soviet Propaganda Posters, Part III, through October 1; "Serialities, Part 2: Repetition and Narrative in Soviet Nonconformist Art," through September 17. "In and Around Dvizenie (The Movement Group)" will be on view in the Dubrow Galleries through October 8. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit [www.zimmerli.museum.rutgers.edu](http://www.zimmerli.museum.rutgers.edu).

**The Montgomery Center for the Arts** will present the Princeton Photography Club's Annual Members Exhibition through July 2.

**Morven Museum** is presenting "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene," its first exhibit of fine art, which will run through November 26.

**The Peggy Lewis Gallery** in Lambertville will be hosting a joint exhibit of works by Peg Cavanaugh and Jane Faraco through July 26.

**The Plainsboro Public Library** is currently hosting a retrospective of the work of Plainsboro resident and art teacher Kate Gaydos, who signs her paintings K.

Renowitzky. The show will run through July 9. There will be a reception and art chat with the artist at 3 p.m. on July 2, in the Gallery. "Totally Trenton, A Modern Look Back," a photography exhibit by Guy Clarcia, opens on Sunday, July 16 at 3 p.m.

**The Premier Fine Arts Gallery** in New Hope, Pa. is hosting a retrospective of the works of Bucks County artist Evelyn Schule. The show will continue through July 14.

**The Present Day Club**, 72 Stockton Street in Princeton, is presenting an exhibit by Lambertville landscape painter and gallery owner Gordon Haas through June 30. His paintings of landscapes in Bucks County, the Delaware Valley, and Tuscany can be seen every week day except Wednesday between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

**The Princeton Theological Seminary's Erdman Art Gallery** will be presenting "When the Photographer is Ready the Lord Buddha will Appear," an exhibit of Paul Grand's photography

of Southeast Asian Buddhist and temples through July 21.

**The Princeton University Art Museum** is presenting "Worldly Guardians of the Buddhist Law," an exhibition of handscrolls on view through July 9.

**Small World Coffee** is presenting a photography

exhibit by Daniel Smits, from July 4 to August 1. The opening reception is set for July 7 from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Triumph Brewing Company**, 138 Nassau Street in downtown Princeton, is presenting an exhibit of photographs by local artist Wendy Vroom that will run through July 10.

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# MUSIC REVIEW

## Princeton Festival Opens Season With Striking Production of 'Madama Butterfly'

For the second consecutive year, the Princeton Festival has brought opera and chamber music to the Lawrenceville School. The 2006 season opened on Saturday night with a full production of Giacomo Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, presented in Italian with English super-titles. Although at first glance, the tickets to a relatively new regional opera seemed a bit pricey, the refreshing quality of the singing and the solid production overall were well worth the ticket price, and it was clear from the reception of the well-attended house in the Kirby Arts Center that this company has a bright future in this area.

Puccini was certainly considered one of the kings of opera in his day, and from the popularity of his operas today, one would never know that one of the most popular of all, *Madama Butterfly*, had a disastrous premiere, complete with catcalls and animal sounds from the audience. Following major revisions, the opera became the powerhouse it is known as today, shepherded in part by conductor Arturo Toscanini. The characters and plot continued a tradition begun with Verdi, focused on a tragic soprano, whose demise at the end of the opera, no matter how much audiences would like to see a different ending, is inevitable.

Princeton Festival's production was visually appealing from the start, with soft hues of color bathing the stage with shades of light matching the moods of the plot. Wally Coberg has designed one set to serve the entire opera — a complex house (with many sliding doors) set against a backdrop of a Japanese harbor seascape seemingly etched on silk. The screens of the sliding doors enabled director Steven LaCrosse to effectively stage scenes in shadow.

Marie Miller's costumes began the opera with dark earth colors, saving the bright shades for Cio-Cio San and her entourage of geishas.

Conductor Richard Tang Yuk began the opera with a quick and agitated overture

vocal cast. In the singers brought together for *Madama Butterfly*, Mr. Tang Yuk found a rich gathering of young fresh voices that were not only stunning on their own, but also together in ensemble numbers.

*Madama Butterfly* may include the



**UNDYING LOVE:** Madame Butterfly (JiYeu ChoLee) pledges her continuing love for Lieutenant Pinkerton (Michael Hayes) and promises to be true to him until the end of time. The opera will have two more performances at The Lawrenceville School's Kirby Arts Center, on Saturday, July 1 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, July 9 at 2 p.m. For tickets, call (800) 595-4849.

foreshadowing the poignant drama to come. The Festival Orchestra was, with the exception of a few funky strings in the second act, consistently unobtrusive, and the singers were able to declaim their text in perfect rhythm with the instruments.

With the Festival contained within a one-month period, Mr. Tang Yuk was able to take the better part of a year to assemble a

same kind of tragic heroine seen in Verdi's operas, but JiYeu ChoLee's Cio-Cio San was no wilting flower. She was clear in her intent that her beloved, Lt. B.F. Pinkerton, would return to her, and her solid demeanor onstage confidently stated that she was in charge. Ms. ChoLee could have sung this role all night, never losing vocal stamina during the course of the evening.

Her second act signature aria "Un bel di" in particular brought down the house with its coy sensitivity and vocal strength.

Like many 19th century operas, the lead heroine in *Butterfly* had a hand-maiden. Suzuki, sung by Grace Echauri, was with Cio-Cio San throughout the opera, anticipating her needs and trying to run interference as the plot heads toward inevitable disaster. Ms. Echauri sang the role smoothly from the start, blending perfectly with Ms. ChoLee in the second act's "Flower Duet." Ms. Echauri was especially impressive in her ability to sing while carrying the child (Jeremy Barson) portraying Butterfly's son.

Lt. Pinkerton, sung by Michael Hayes, was presented as an opportunist from the outset, making clear his intent to find a "real" American wife, yet unable to resist Butterfly's spell. Mr. Hayes carried Puccini's lines well with great vocal control over the top register. These were all mature and experienced singers, and Mr. Hayes was seamless in melding with other voices, be it Butterfly or the Consul Sharpless, effectively sung by Grant Youngblood. The marriage broker Goro was comically and efficiently sung by Douglas Perry, and a number of up-and-coming singers rounded out the cast, including Bryan G. Davis as Butterfly's uncle Bonze and John Andrew Fernandez as Yamadori.

At intermission, an audience member was overheard commenting on the cost of presenting an opera of this quality. Although The Princeton Festival is only in its second full season, the impressive program list of sponsors and donors for their productions indicates a solid base of support for a company that is working to keep quality opera and summer music in the Princeton area.

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## Sequenza Trio to Close University Concert Series

Princeton University Summer Concerts will close its season with a concert by the Sequenza Trio in Richardson Auditorium on Friday, July 14 at 8 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

The program will include pieces by Haydn, Chihara, and Schubert.

Founded in 2001, Sequenza has presented concerts throughout the U.S., Europe, and the Middle East, including recent appearances at UCLA and Oxford Universities, and for the Chamber Music Societies of Edinburgh, Pasadena, Phoenix, Salt Lake City, Tucson, and Hampton. The trio performed Beethoven's *Triple Concerto* at the Prague Festival to critical acclaim.

Upcoming plans for the trio include performances at the Kennedy Center and London's Wigmore Hall, and a tour of Spain.

Tickets will be available at 6:30 p.m. at the Richardson Auditorium box office. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call (609) 631-7884.

## "Favorite Songs" Concert Set at 1860 House Café

The Montgomery Center for the Arts' 1860 House Music Café will offer an outdoor concert of a cappella singing on Saturday, July 15 from 7 to 10:30 p.m. Audience members are invited to bring picnic food, chairs, and blankets for the program, which will move indoors in the event of inclement weather.

The evening's theme will be "Your Favorite Songs," and requests will be taken from the audience.

The performers will be singer-pianist-arranger Dotty Westgate; the Tritones, an a cappella singing trio featuring Ms. Westgate, Jan Gottlieb, and Heather Robbins; and pianist Ken Schmidt.

Although the Café performers all have large repertoires, "I know some audience members may give us a real challenge," said Ms. Westgate. "So if we're totally stumped, the requester should be prepared to hum a few bars."

The evening will close with an open-mike segment and jamming, offering local talent a chance to perform before a live audience with professional musicians.



**FIGHTING RIVERBLINDNESS:** The Nassau Presbyterian Church was the host on Sunday for a Princeton Area Youth Riverblindness Concert benefiting United Front Against Riverblindness (UFAR). The medical charity was founded by Lawrenceville resident Dr. Daniel Shungu to help fight the disease in cooperation with the World Health Organization. Among the 15 young musicians who performed were, from left, oboist Joe Thel, 16, of Princeton Junction; the concert guest of honor, Professor Elsie McKee of Princeton Theological Seminary; concert founder and pianist Stephanie Chapin, 18, of Pennington; and Carl T. West, bassist, of Pennington. Ms. Chapin met Dr. Shungu and founded the concert to support UFAR in 2005. Dr. Shungu, a retired Merck microbiologist and naturalized U.S. citizen, founded UFAR to implement a Riverblindness medication program in the 3,000 remote villages of the Kasongo region in his native country, the Democratic Republic of Congo. Under Dr. Shungu's direction education, distribution, and local administration of the once-a-year dosage is carried out by medical workers and volunteers of the Kasongo region. The daunting task is made difficult by the country's 250 different languages, few modern roads, and two long rainy seasons per year. Those wishing to make a donation are asked to call Meadow Lane Music at (609) 730-1223, or visit [www.riverblindness.org](http://www.riverblindness.org).

The concert will have a suggested donation of \$5, which includes admission and dessert.

The Café is located at 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman. For more information, call (609) 921-3272 or visit [www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com](http://www.montgomerycenterforthearts.com).

## Rock Group Air Supply Coming to State Theatre

New Brunswick's State Theatre will present the Australian "soft" rock group Air Supply, featuring Graham Russell and Russell Hitchcock, in concert on Friday, July 14 at 8 p.m.

A familiar name in the world of soft rock and pop music, Air Supply is known for such hits as *Making Love Out of Nothing at All*, *Goodbye,*

*Lost in Love*, *It's Never Too Late*, *The One That You Love*, *Sweet Dreams*, and *All Our of Love*.

Messrs. Russell and Hitchcock first met at rehearsals for *Jesus Christ, Superstar* in Sydney, Australia, in 1975. They became instant friends and began performing together in local bars and cafes. The group was then signed on as the opening act for Rod Stewart's U.S./Canada tour. Soon after returning home they recorded the album *Life Support*, which featured the hit single *Lost in Love*. Seven top-five singles later, Air Supply had equaled the Beatles' run of consecutive top five singles. Since then, the albums *The One That You Love*, *Now & Forever*, and *The Greatest Hits* have sold in excess of 20 million copies.

Tickets range from \$30 to \$55 for the performance, the group's State Theatre debut. To order, call the State Theatre box office at (732) 246-7469, or visit [www.StateTheatreNJ.org](http://www.StateTheatreNJ.org).


## Princeton Pro Musica Plans Annual Meeting

The board of trustees of Princeton Pro Musica has announced that the choral group will hold the first annual meeting in its 27-year history on Monday, July 17. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the community room of the Township Municipal Complex at 400 Witherspoon Street.

PPM board president John Phelan will present details of the recently completed 2005-06 concert season, financial reports, and plans for the upcoming concert season.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

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### Kelsey Theatre to Offer "The Music Man" in July

That fast-talking traveling salesman, "Professor" Harold Hill, is back. The Yardley Players will present the lovable con man in *The Music Man* at Mercer County Community College's Kelsey Theatre next month, when the musical begins a two-weekend run on Friday, July 14 at 8 p.m.

Performances will be Fridays and Saturdays, July 14, 15, and 21 at 8 p.m.; Saturday, July 22 at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays, July 16 and 23 at 2 p.m.

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Among the musical numbers that have become show tune favorites are *Goodnight, My Someone*, *Till There Was You*, *Gory, Indiono, Shipoo-pi*, and the show-stopping *Seventy-Six Trombones*.

Starring in *The Music Man* will be Andy Mahaney of Lawrenceville as Harold Hill, Cathy Liebars of Fairless Hills, Pa. as Marian Paroo, William Kamps of Burlington as Marcellus Washburn, Walter Smyth of Trevoise, Pa. as Mayor George Shinn, Jeanine Ducharme of Pennington as Mrs. Shinn, Kat Ross of Fairless Hills as Zaneeta Shinn, Abby Coggins of Robbinsville as Grace Shinn, Cionna Buckley of Lawrenceville as Mrs. Paroo, Anderson Monken of Lawrenceville as Winthrop Paroo, Eliot Schulte of Hopewell as Amaryllis, Matthew Steele of Mercerville as Tommy Dillas, and Tony Vizart of Hamilton as Charlie Cowell.



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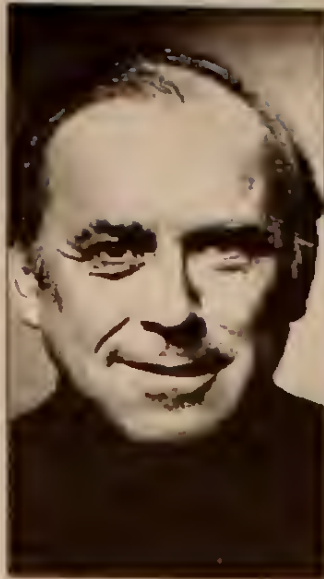
## Rep Shakespeare Festival Plans Class with Director

The Princeton Rep Company/Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival will host a one-time-only master class on Saturday, July 29 conducted by director Stuart Vaughan, a co-founder of the New York Shakespeare Festival, producers of Shakespeare in the Park in New York's Central Park.

Mr. Vaughan's class, "The Method and The Classics," will take place from noon to 3 p.m. at Nassau Presbyterian Church, 61 Nassau Street. The class is open to performers of all levels 18 years and older. The registration fee of \$100 is due by July 24.

Mr. Vaughan has won an Obie for best director and a Tony for his New York Shakespeare Festival productions. He has directed such actors as Al Pacino, Martin Sheen, Colleen Dewhurst, and George C. Scott. With New York Shakespeare Festival co-founder Joseph Papp, he pioneered the concept of free professional Shakespeare.

The class will explore the



Stuart Vaughan

use of verse, building a speech, behavior in period clothes, and the relationship of verse to "emotional truth." Participants are asked to bring a prepared Shakespeare scene or monologue not longer than one or two minutes in length.

To register, call (609) 921-3682 or e-mail talena.alexandra@gmail.com.

## "The Best of the Bard" At Hopewell High School

The Princeton Rep Company/Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival will offer a free performance by this summer's student actors at Hopewell Valley High School this Friday, June 30 at 8 p.m. The program, titled *The Best of the Bard*, will take place in the school's new performing arts center.

The event will launch the apprentice program learning experience at Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheatre, where the students will work on a professional Actors' Equity production of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* from July 20 to August 27.

*The Best of the Bard* will feature students in the Rep Company's Repertory Apprentice Program (RAP). This year's RAP students are receiving training with such master teachers as Stuart Vaughan, Janke Orlandi, and Kirstin Hara.

The RAP program is led by Alexandra Hoge, co-producing artistic director of the Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival.

Hopewell Valley High School is located at 259 Pennington-Titusville Road in Pennington.

## Open Air Theatre Slates "Hansel & Gretel" in July

The Open Air Theatre at Washington Crossing State Park will present an original musical adaptation of the Grimm Brothers fairy-tale *Hansel and Gretel* on July 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, and 15 at 7 p.m. The show will be a production of the children's theatre company Storybook Musical Theatre, a professional Actors' Equity Association company based in Abington, Pa.

All Storybook productions are appropriate for children age 3 and older. After each performance audience members will have an opportunity to meet the characters for a handshake, pictures, or an autograph.

Tickets are \$8 for the Thursday and Friday performances, \$10 on Saturday. Children 12 and under are half price.

The Washington Crossing Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to cultural development, environmental protection, and historical preservation of the Washington Crossing State Park.

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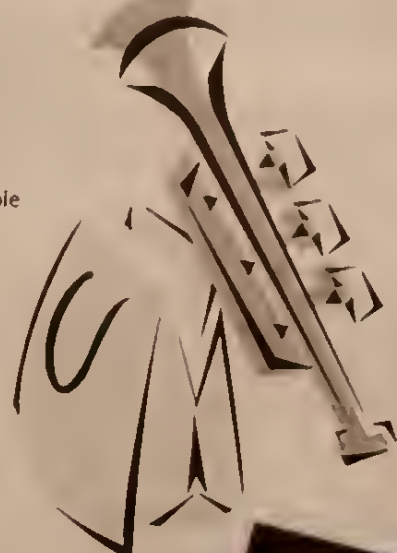
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Based on the simple ruse that the stage lights go on when the actual setting lights are off, *Black Comedy* is set on an important evening for its protagonist, Brindsley Mill-

er. It is the evening he is to meet his debutante fiancée's military father as well as an influential art critic interested in his work. All is ready to go, but suddenly a fuse blows and the events that follow are spent in darkness for the characters, while the audience watches with full light. The evening's guests also include Miller's peculiar landlady, his eccentric neighbor, and an ex-girlfriend.

*Black Comedy* was originally commissioned by Sir Laurence Olivier to be performed for the British National Theatre's repertoire in 1965. The play debuted in the U.S. in New York in 1967.

PST business manager Alex Limpacher, who directed Theatre Intime's production of

*Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind* last fall, will direct.

PST veteran Amy Widdowson will return to the stage as the bubbly fiancée; Jon Ryan will star as the insecure artist. Princeton resident Claudia Stoy will play the role of the landlady.

Tickets are priced at \$14 on Thursdays and Fridays (\$11 for seniors and \$10 for students), or \$16 on weekends (\$14 for seniors, \$11 for students). To order, call the PST box office at (609) 258-7062. Princeton Summer Theater also offers a discount of up to 40 percent through its subscription program. Subscription inquiries should be directed to the box office.

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The fee for each session is \$135; for both sessions, \$250.

For more information or to register, call (609) 514-1600.

Mr. Wood, a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, is an actor with more than 30 years of experience in film, theater, and television. Best known for his role as Detective Wallace Danby in *Boston Public*, he has also played roles in *Roseanne*, *Party of Five*, *JAG*, *7th Heaven*, *N.Y.P.D. Blue*, *Diagnosis Murder*, and *The West Wing*. He has had recurring roles on *The Bold and the Beautiful*, and *The Young and the Restless*.

This fall, Mr. Wood will join the faculty of Princeton Dance and Theater Studio as the full-time acting instructor, conducting classes in beginner, intermediate, and advanced acting, comedy improvisation, voice-over for radio and television, and public speaking.

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## Calendar

### Wednesday, June 28

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. For reservations, call (609) 683-0057.

2 and 8 p.m.: Miss Saigon; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: *The Comedy of Errors*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

### Thursday, June 29

6 p.m.: Arts Council Summer Concert with The Blawenburg Band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Pianist Todd Marsh performing works of Chopin and Schumann; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Free.

8 p.m.: *Block Comedy*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

### Friday, June 30

8 p.m.: Frankl Valli and The Four Seasons; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival's *The Best of the Bard*; Hopewell Valley High School, Pennington. Free.

8 p.m.: *The Comedy of Errors*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Out of Order*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians The Legendary Wid and Mark Cohen; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

8:30 p.m.: Musical Theater Under the Stars program with New Jersey Opera Theater; Pettoranello Gardens. Free. Also Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

9 p.m.: Spirit of Princeton 4th of July Fireworks Display; Clark Field, Princeton University.

### Saturday, July 1

1:30 p.m.: Princeton Festival presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's *The Old Maid and the Thief*; Clark Music Center, The Lawrenceville School.

2 to 9:30 p.m.: Freedom Fest 2006 with B Street Band, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, inflatable rides, 4-H petting zoo, fireworks display; Mercer County Park, West Windsor. Free.

4 p.m.: Lecture by David Howell, Professor of Japanese History at Princeton University, Cio Cio San's Jopon; Noyes Hall, The Lawrenceville School. Free.

6:30 p.m.: "Pops at the Pub" with Carm & John blues band; Halo Pub, Hulfish Street.

8 p.m.: *Modomo Butterfly*; Kirby Arts Center, Lawrenceville School.

### Sunday, July 2

11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.: Estate Park and Nature Tour; Duke Farms, Hillsborough. For reservations call (908) 722-3700.

3 p.m.: Concordia Chamber Players; Kirby Arts Center, Lawrenceville School.

### Tuesday, July 4

#### Independence Day

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### Wednesday, July 5

2 and 8 p.m.: *Miss Saigon*; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Fedora Cafe, Lawrenceville.

9 p.m.: Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, Reor Window; Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheater, Community Park North. Free.

### Thursday, July 6

6 p.m.: Arts Council Summer Concert with The Voo Dudes; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7 p.m.: *Hansel and Gretel*; Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Recital with jazz pianist Tara Buzash; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Free.

8 p.m.: *Block Comedy*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

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8 p.m.: Princeton University Summer Concert with Borealis String Quartet; Richardson Auditorium.

### Friday, July 7

3 and 7 p.m.: *Doro the Explorer: Dora's Pirate Adventure*; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: *The Comedy of Errors*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: *The Odyssey*;

Mount-Burke Theatre, Peddie School, Hightstown. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: New Jersey Opera Theater's *Così fan tutte*; Berlind Theatre.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Mo Alexander and Paul Lyons; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

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## CINEMA REVIEW

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### Sandler Adventure About a Jerk With a Magical Remote

For years, Michael Newman (Adam Sandler) has been putting in extra hours at work in a desperate attempt to become a partner in his architectural firm in Los Angeles. However, his sacrifices have failed to impress his unappreciative and demanding boss, Mr. Ammer (David Hasselhoff).

Unfortunately, Michael's extra effort has come at the expense of his family. He is impatient with his wife (Kate Beckinsale) and irritable with his children, seven year-old Ben (Joseph Castanon) and five year-old Samantha (Tatum McCann).

Everything changes the evening Michael finds himself trying to unwind at home after a stressful day at the office. When he can't figure out which of their assorted remote controls will turn on the television, he goes to the store to purchase an all-in-one model.

At a Bed, Bath & Beyond store, he ends up in a messy stockroom where he makes the acquaintance of Morty (Christopher Walken), a supernatural employee who has a prototype for a new type of remote. With the warning, "I'm about to rock your world," Morty gives Michael the experimental gadget for free.

Michael doesn't realize what a powerful device he has in his hands. The remote is capable of controlling the entire universe. It enables its user to influence real-life events by rewinding to a past moment, pausing in the present,

or fast-forwarding to sneak a peek at what's in store.

This is the point of departure for *Click*, a disappointing contribution to the time travel genre familiar to anyone who has seen *Back to the Future* (1985). While borrowing the science fiction classic's basic premise, this film has none of the original's wit, charm, humor, sophistication, emotional engagement, or ultimate resolution.

Instead, this picture is another Adam Sandler film where he plays an infantile character with an excuse to behave like a moron. With the ability to explore the world at his fingertips, Michael comes up with nothing more imaginative to do with his superpowers than to freeze bullies in order to kick them in the groin. Simultaneously, we're supposed to believe that this revengeful monster has a sensitive side who learns that his family comes first.

Despite the PG-13 rating the film features a running joke about a pet dog in heat repeatedly mating with a stuffed animal. Also, the movie is loaded with prominent ad placements.

The supporting cast includes Julie Kavner and Henry Winkler as Michael's parents, Sean Astin, and Jennifer Coolidge.

Fair (★). Rated PG-13 for sex, expletives, crude humor and drug references. Running time: 98 minutes. Studio: Columbia Pictures

—Ram Williams



**DARN, THIS ISN'T THE REMOTE FOR THE TV:** Michael Newman (Adam Sandler) futilely picks up remote after remote, trying to find one that controls the television set. Frustrated, he dashes out to a nearby store, to pick up a universal remote which, it turns out, is the beginning of an unusual adventure.

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# AT THE CINEMA

**The Break-Up** (PG-13 for nudity, sex and expletives). Battle-of-the-sexes revenge comedy, set in the Windy City, about an art dealer (Jennifer Aniston) and tour bus guide (Vince Vaughn) who both want to end their relationship, except neither is willing to move out of the condo they share. With Joey Lauren Adams, Jon Favreau and Ann Margaret.

**Cors** (G). Disney animated adventure about the adventures of a rookie hot rod (Owen Wilson) who gets a big lesson about life on his way across the country to compete in the Piston Cup Championship in California. With voicework by Paul Newman, George Carlin, Bob Costas, Bonnie Hunt, Michael Keaton, Jennifer Lewis, Tony Shalhoub, and real-life race car drivers Richard Petty and Darrell Waltrip.

**Click** (PG-13 for sex, expletives, crude humor, and drug references). Adam Sandler stars in this science fiction fantasy about a workaholic architect who discovers that he can fast-forward or rewind his life with the help of his universal remote control. Cast includes Christopher Walken, Kate Beckinsale, Sean Astin, Jennifer Coolidge, David Hasselhoff, Henry Winkler, Julie (the voice of Marge Simpson) Kanner, and John (brother of Chris) Farley.

**The Do Vinci Code** (PG-13 for sex, expletives, nudity, violence, drug references and disturbing images). Director Ron Howard and scriptwriter Akiva Goldsman, Oscar-winners for A Beautiful Mind, collaborate again on this adaptation of Dan Brown's controversial, best seller about a murder at the Louvre which leads to evidence of a centuries-long cover-up of cryptic codes containing ancient historical secrets which, if revealed, could shake the very foundation of Christianity. With Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen, Alfred Molina, Paul Bettany and Jean Reno.

**The Devil Wears Prada** (PG-13 for sensuality). Anne Hathaway stars opposite Meryl Streep in this adaptation of the best seller of the same name about a small-town girl just out of college who lands a job in NYC as an assistant to a very demanding, high-powered magazine editor.

**The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift** (PG-13 for sex, expletives, violence, and reckless and illegal teen behavior). With the cast overhauled again, the action shifts to Japan for the third installment of the high-octane auto franchise. Now Lucas Black stars as a fugitive from justice and gangsters whose hope of paying off a gambling debt rests with driving in death-defying street races.

**Gorfield's A Tail of Two Kittens** (PG for off color humor). Bill Murray reprise's the title role as the voice of the smart aleck cat in this mistaken identity, animated comedy, set in England, where the furry feline accidentally inherits a castle which comes outfitted with a court of loyal subjects. Additional voiceovers provided by Breckin Meyer, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Tim Curry and Bob Hoskins.

**An Inconvenient Truth** (Unrated). Al Gore ramps up for another Presidential run in this "Don't say I didn't warn you" documentary about the dire prospects for the planet as a consequence of continued unchecked global warming.

**The Lake House** (PG for mild epithets and a disturbing image). Speed stars Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves reunite for this faithful adaptation of Siworae, a surreal science fiction film from Korea. Remake revolves around the exchange of love letters between a frustrated architect (Reeves) and the lonely doctor (Bullock) who previously resided in his new house and the discovery that they're living two years apart.

**Nacho Libre** (PG-13 for crude humor and rough action). Jack Black vehicle features the corpulent comic as a chef who decides to don a mask and cape to morph into a professional wrestler to raise enough money to save the orphanage where he works from closing.

**The Omen 666** (R for violent content, graphic images, and profanity). Remake of the apocalyptic horror film from 1976 about an American diplomat (Live Schreiber) stationed in Europe who, with his wife (Julia Stiles), adopts a child named Damien (Seamey Davis-Fitzpatrick) unaware that the boy just might be the devil incarnate and that all Hell is about to break loose. Supporting cast includes Mia Farrow, Michael Gambon, and Pete Postlethwaite.

**Over the Hedge** (PG for comic action and crude humor). CGI animated adaptation of the syndicated newspaper comic strip about a crafty raccoon (Bruce Willis) who helps a community of human-fearing creatures deal with the encroachment of suburbia upon their peaceable forest. Featuring the distinctive voicework of Wanda Sykes, Steve Carrell, Eugene Levy, William Shatner, Nick Nolte and Allison Janney.

**A Prairie Home Companion** (PG-13 for risqué humor). Garrison Keillor plays himself in this fictional story set at St. Paul's famed Fitzgerald Theater, home to his long-running, nostalgic NPR radio series of the same name. Directed by Robert Altman, the action unfolds both on and offstage on the night of what looks like the final broadcast, given the announcement that the show has been acquired by a corporate conglomerate which has decided to pull the plug on the popular program. Ensemble cast includes Lindsay Lohan, Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones, Woody Harrelson, Lily Tomlin, Virginia Madsen, Matthew Modine, John C. Reilly and Saturday Night Live's Maya Rudolph.

**See No Evil** (R for sex, expletives, drug use, gruesome action, and relentless gore). High-attrition horror film about eight delinquent teens assigned to do community service sprucing up a dilapidated hotel which happens to be home to a seven foot, 400 lb. psychopath (Glen Jacobs.) with razor-sharp fingernails.

**Superman Returns** (PG-13 for intense action violence). Brandon Routh takes over the title role for a new chapter in the life of the Man of Steel as he returns from Krypton to declare his undying love for Lois Lane (Kate Bosworth) while protecting the planet from the cataclysmic destruction planned by his arch enemy Lex Luthor (Kevin Spacey). Back cast includes Frank Langella, James Marsden, Parker Posey, Eva Marie Saint, and Kal Penn.

**Thank You for Smoking** (R for sex and expletives). Satirical comedy chronicles the efforts of a tobacco lobbyist (Aaron Eckhart) who tries to remain a role model to his 12 year-old son (Cameron Bright) knowing full well that the cigarettes he's promoting are lethal lung rockets.

**Woist Deep** (R for pervasive profanity and graphic violence). Meagan Good and Tyrese co-star as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century version of Bonnie and Clyde as joyriding lawbreakers and lovers who leave no stone unturned in search of their carjacked child. Cast includes Larenz Tate, rapper The Game, and Arnold Vosloo.

**Water** (Unrated). Feminist Deepa Mehta's long overdue final installment of her elemental trilogy, also including Fire (1996), and Earth (1998), films which triggered riots and theater burnings before being banned for exploring political and religious themes like lesbianism and Hindu-Muslim romance. This film, set in the thirties during the rise of resistance to British rule, revolves around the relationship between a woman widowed at the age of eight and raised in an ashram and a suitor from a lower caste who's a devout follower of Mahatma Gandhi.

**Wordplay** (PG for profanity and mature themes). Documentary examines the work of Will Shortz, longtime editor of the New York Times' crossword puzzle. With cameos by Ken Burns, Bob Dole, Jon Stewart, and Bill Clinton.

**X-Men: The Last Stand** (PG-13 for action violence). Final installment of the trilogy features the comic book super-heroes divided over whether to take the cure which will transform them from mutants into normal human beings or to retain their special powers and remain ostracized by society. Standoff leads to a showdown of epic proportions. Hugh Jackman (Wolverine), Halle Berry (Storm), Anna Paquin (Rogue), James Marsden (Cyclops), Rebecca Romijn (Mystique), Ian McKellen (Magneto), Famke Janssen (Phoenix), Shawn Ashmore (Iceman), Daniel Cudmore (Colossus), Aaron Stanford (Pyro), and Patrick Stewart (Dr. Charles Xavier) all reprise their roles.

—Kam Williams

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**A Prairie Home Companion** (PG-13) Fri.-Thurs., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40  
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**The Lake House** (PG) Fri.-Thurs., 2:40, 4:55, 7:10, 9:25  
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## With Fein Guiding the Way At Cox, MJRC Crew Had Special Henley Trip

It was the spring of 2003 and Becca Fein was not enjoying her freshman year at Princeton Day School.

Searching for an activity outside of school to lift her spirits, Fein headed over to Mercer Lake in West Windsor to attend a practice of the Mercer Junior Rowing Club (MJRC).

Almost immediately, the diminutive Fein found her spot in the MJRC community as a coxswain, the person who commands and steers a crewed shell.

Fein's initial trip to West Windsor culminated in a special journey earlier this month as she helped the MJRC women's varsity 8 take second in the final of the Peabody Cup, the junior division at the famed Henley Royal Regatta on the Thames River in England.

In reflecting on her jaunt to England, Fein relished the special atmosphere that pervades the crew-mad hamlet of Henley, which is proud of its place in the rowing world.

"At high school, everybody is always asking what rowing is about," said Fein. "At Henley everything is about rowing. There are pictures of rowers all over the place. It was an honor to be there and to be the first boat from the club to come there."

While the MJRC crew was disappointed to fall by one and one-half lengths to the Oakland (Calif.) Strokes in the title race,

Fein and her teammates were able to put things in perspective.

"We knew Oakland was good, they had been second in the nationals," said Fein, reflecting on the regatta which saw MJRC post wins over the Molesey Boat Club of England and London's Kingston Club as it advanced through the bracket-style format with boats meeting head-to-head with one loss eliminating a crew.

"Once we got out there we both rowed really well. We were really sad but we raced to our potential. We didn't do anything wrong; there is nothing else we could've done."

MJRC head coach Sean McCourt concurred with Fein's analysis. "They were a stronger and more powerful crew," said McCourt, whose team started its England trip by winning a regatta in Reading.

"We were level most of the race. No one wants to hear after losing a race that you did a good job. But looking at where we were at this point last spring, there is no way we could've competed at this level. We weren't the strongest or most powerful boat but we were the most committed."

The fierce commitment of Fein to the crew certainly helped the boat reach its potential. "I started in the spring of 2003; I wasn't really happy at PDS and not getting along with people," recalled Fein, who is a co-captain of the crew.



**EYES ON THE PRIZE:** With the Thames River in the background, Becca Fein holds the trophy earned by the Mercer Junior Rowing Club (MJRC) women's varsity eight for winning their division at the Reading Amateur Regatta. Standing, from left, are Kiki Rosa, WWP-N, 4 seat; Erin Conlon, WWP-S, stroke seat; Harriet Kadar, Princeton High, 5 seat; Rachel LaBella, WWP-S, 6 seat; Halley McDaniel, Princeton High, 2 seat; Katie Suyu, Pennington, 3 seat; Libby Clark, Princeton High, bow seat; Lauren Alba, WWP-N, 7 seat; and Head Coach Sean McCourt. The crew later took second in the final of the Peabody Cup, the junior division at the famed Henley Royal Regatta.

"A guidance counselor recommended that I come out for crew. I felt like I had found a team immediately. The thing about our crew is that the nine of us are best friends."

Fein also enjoys the special challenges that come with her role in the boat. "It's really hard," explained Fein, who is heading to Brown University this fall where she will cox for the crew program.

"I don't do the ERG workouts but there is so much responsibility on my shoulders, the girls rely on me so much. At Henley the course had buoys called 'booms,' it was like rowing in a cage. We always have a race plan but sometimes in a race you have to make a decision and say we have to go now."

MJRC teammate, Halley McDaniel, certainly respects Fein's leadership and decision-making. "I can honestly say she is the best cox that I have seen," maintained McDaniel, who just graduated from Princeton High and will be rowing at Penn this fall.

"She is inspiring to the team. She's the team captain and the cox which means she's very important. She and Sean spend hours putting together race plans. In a race, it's her call to change plans."

Becoming involved in the MJRC has certainly changed the direction of McDaniel's life. "I think this is the best thing that has happened to me," said McDaniel referring to her crew experience.

"It's helped me realize my potential through seeing the rewards of hard work. You really develop a focus. I have also developed some great personal relationships. We all genuinely like each other; I think that sets us apart. Some teams just go to practice and want to get it over with. We enjoy each other and spend extra time with each other."

Fein, for her part, has gotten something extra out of her MJRC experience.

"I think it's really given me a lot of confidence," said Fein. "I used to keep to myself; I've had to learn to say things with authority. I think we are like a family. It's all about sacrifice. You're not doing it for yourself, you just don't want to disappoint the person next to you."

Fein didn't disappoint her teammates or herself as she helped pilot the crew on a journey which ended with international success.

-Bill Alden



**FEIN TUNING:** Becca Fein, back to camera, calls the shots as the Mercer Junior Rowing Club (MJRC) women's varsity 8 cruises to victory in a race this spring. Fein, a recent Princeton Day School graduate, will be heading to Brown University this fall where she will cox for the school's crew program.

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## PHS Star Andre Got on Right Track, Played His Way Into Sunshine Game

As Marc Andre headed into his junior year at Princeton High in 2004, his football career appeared to be on the skids.

After struggling in the classroom his sophomore year, Andre was academically ineligible to play as a junior.

Rather than feeling sorry for himself, Andre worked out with PHS head coach Steve Everett and got things back on track.

Last fall, Andre made up for lost time, emerging as a star at tight end and defensive lineman to help the Little Tigers go 6-4.

This Thursday, Andre will

be rewarded for his superb senior season as he plays for the East squad in the Sunshine Classic All-Star Game at The College of New Jersey.

Andre is proud of how much progress he made in his senior season. "I only played one year of varsity ball; it shows how hard I worked and how hard Coach Everett worked to get me to this point," said the 6'3 Andre, who noted that he weighed 120 pounds as a freshman and grew to 230 pounds by his senior season.

"It was a big change; I had a lot of things to learn. In JV, you just blocked the guy in

front of you. Playing defensive end, you have to learn line calls, blitzes, and secondary assignments. As a tight end, you have to learn pass routes and blocking assignments."

In the process, Andre developed a close relationship with Everett. "When Coach Everett found out I was doing poorly in school, he took me aside and said it was time for me to be a man; this wasn't kid's stuff," recalled Andre. "We started working out together and got real close. He's been like a second father to me. I would not have made it here if it wasn't for him."

Andre also developed a bond with his teammates last fall as they overcame a disappointing season-opening 24-18 loss to Ewing to make a serious run at a state playoff spot.

"It was great, all of us working together, we are great friends," said Andre, who will be joined at the Sunshine Classic by classmates Ben Guervil, Huguens Jean, Frank Giacalone, and Adam Brunner. "We had so much fun. I'm one of the goofballs. The team is so diverse but all of us get along."

Andre has found that same camaraderie at the practices for the Sunshine Classic. "The guys all love to have fun; they all like to joke around," said Andre, who will play football this fall at Hudson Valley Community College with the goal of later transferring to a Division I program. "We just got our pads so we're starting to hit."

The confident Andre is looking to be a hit Thursday night. "I want to have fun, kick butt, and get a few sacks," asserted a chuckling Andre, who has been in the stands the last two years at the Sunshine Classic to cheer on teammates. "I want to hear my name announced over the loudspeaker."

While Andre may have only played one year of varsity football at PHS, he certainly made a name for himself.

—Bill Alden

## PHS Star Jean Achieves Dream By Making Sunshine Classic Team

When the Princeton High football team started last fall losing a heartbreaker to Ewing by giving up a touchdown on a blocked field goal as time ran out, the Little Tigers had reason to be discouraged.

But in the view of PHS star lineman Huguens Jean, the sting of that setback actually turned out to be a blessing in disguise.

"Yeah it hurt but I don't think we would have had the season we did if we had won that game," said Jean, who graduated from PHS last week. "We were so upset that we lost on a play like that; we were really mad."

The Little Tigers channelled that anger into a superb fall as they rebounded to go 6-4 and narrowly miss out on a state tournament bid.

The 6'1, 260-pound Jean, who anchored both lines for PHS, was recognized for his superb play by being chosen to play on the East Squad this Thursday in the 10th annual Sunshine Classic All-Star Game. Jean is being joined on the East team by PHS teammates Ben Guervil, Frank Giacalone, Adam Brunner, and Marc Andre.

For Jean, getting the chance to play in the game is a dream come true on two levels. "It's something I've always dreamt about," said Jean, referring to the game which benefits the Sunshine Foundation, a charity dedicated to granting the wishes of seriously ill, physically challenged, and abused children.

"At the end of the season, I was sad because I thought I was never going to get to play again with the guys. I was excited when Coach [Steve] Everett called me and I learned that I was going to get to play with my boys one more time."

Jean was certainly excited Jean. "We want them to give

—Bill Alden



**HOLDING THE LINE:** Huguens Jean takes a break during a practice last week as the East squad gears up for the Sunshine Classic All-Star Game. The 260-pound Jean anchored both lines for the Princeton High football team as it posted a 6-4 mark last fall. Jean will be heading to Temple University this fall where he plans to walk on to the football team at some point during his college career.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

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Ewing and a defeat to Lawrenceville. Looking back on his PHS career in game two to win six career, Jean said he learned of their last eight games.

"The defense held things in self-respect.

together," asserted Jean. "We learned so much more about offensive guys who than just being a good athlete stepped up like Alex Hen-lete," said Jean, who is riques, Ben Guervil, Frank headed to Temple University

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In the process, PHS turned football team as a sophomore.

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Everett called me and I "It was our biggest goal when your brain in order helps you

learned that I was going to get people play Princeton High on the field. Being disciplined

we want them to know that in school leads to discipline in

It's going to be a game," said athletics."



**ANDRE THE GIANT:** Marc Andre enjoys a break last week during practice for the upcoming Sunshine Classic All-Star Game. Andre, a two-way star for Princeton High, will be playing on the East Squad in the game which will take place this Thursday at The College of New Jersey.

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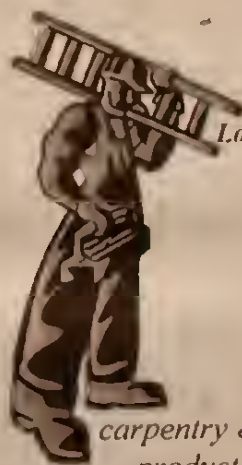
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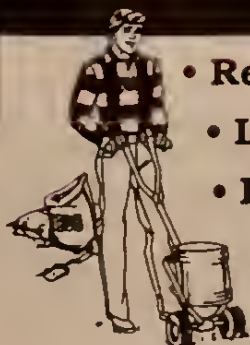
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## Although PHS Lineman Brunner Started Late, Honors Family Name By Making Sunshine Game

When Adam Brunner decided to not go out for the Princeton High football team as a freshman in 2002, his father didn't try to get him to change his mind.

But Brunner had a feeling that his dad, former NFL quarterback Scott Brunner, would love to see him give the game a go.

So when Brunner came out for the PHS squad before his junior season, he got a positive reaction from his father.

"My father has never pushed me to football," said Brunner. "When I didn't go out freshman year he said nothing. When I told him I was going out junior year, his face lit up."

Brunner lit up a lot of faces, becoming a star at offensive tackle as his solid blocking happening."

The 6'5 220-pound Brunner's rapid emergence has landed him a spot on the east team for the 10th annual Sunshine Classic All-Star Game, which will be played this Thursday night at The College of New Jersey.

In reflecting on his senior season, Brunner said that his partnership with Joe Fisher on the left side of the PHS line helped him establish a comfort level.

"Playing left tackle on offense was pretty new to me," explained Brunner. "It really clicked with my left guard Joe Fisher. We got the communications down on line calls. Good things started happening."

The bond developed between Brunner and Fisher exemplified the all-for one and one-for-all spirit that infused the Little Tigers last fall.

"It wasn't just one player, it was the whole team," asserted Brunner. "As you win or lose you do it together; you become a whole entity. Going through preseason camp is tough but everybody goes through the same hardship. It builds team unity."

The influence of PHS head coach Steve Everett also brought the squad closer. "In the four years that Coach Everett has been with the program it has gotten better and better," said Brunner. "His life is football during the season; he loves the game. He sets the tone."

Brunner's love of the game has been deepened by sharing the experience with his father. "He knows what it means to play the game," said Brunner, referring to his father, who played five seasons in the NFL including stints with the New York Giants and St. Louis Cardinals.

"He would give me tips on the way home after games; telling me little things like staying low and firing off the ball. He supported the whole program; he was a member of the booster club and worked the chains at some of the games."

The younger Brunner will be continuing his football career this fall at The College of New Jersey. "My first goal was to get a good education but if football would help me get in a school, I would play," explained Brunner, a star discus thrower at PHS who hopes to also walk on to the TCNJ track team.

"I'm not going to school just to play football. Eric Hamilton the TCNJ coach got in touch with my dad and told him they were interested in me. We started e-mailing each other and it went from there."


For Brunner, playing at the TCNJ stadium this Thursday night should be the first of many big days on that field.

"It was a big surprise for me to be picked for the game; there are so many great linemen in the area," said Brunner. "It's a great honor, particularly after playing just two years."

While his football career may be in its early stages, Brunner has already honored his family name. —Bill Alden




**FAMILY BUSINESS:** Adam Brunner, the son of former NFL quarterback Scott Brunner, takes in some instruction last week at a practice for the Sunshine Classic All-Star Game, which will be played this Thursday night. Brunner, a recent Princeton High graduate who starred at offensive tackle for the Little Tigers, will be playing football this fall at The College of New Jersey, the site of Thursday's game. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

  
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## PHS' Giacalone Brings Extra Incentive As He Hits Field for Sunshine Classic

Frank Giacalone has a special incentive to play well this Thursday when he hits the field for the East squad in the Sunshine Classic All-Star football game.

Last summer, Giacalone's older brother, Vinny, was selected for the annual all-star contest but was unable to play in the game due to a knee injury suffered in practice.

Giacalone, who graduated from Princeton High last year, is ready to uphold the family honor.

"Vinny told me to be careful in practice," said Giacalone with a laugh. "I feel like I have something extra to prove; I want to go out there and play well."

Giacalone played well on both sides of the ball for PHS this past fall as he starred at tight end and defensive end, helping to spark the Little Tigers to a 6-4 campaign.

For Giacalone, the double duty enhanced his appreciation of the game. "It's fun knowing both sides of the ball; getting touchdowns on offense and sacks on defense," said Giacalone.

"The defense thinks the offense isn't tough and the offensive guys think the defense is stupid. It's good to know how both sides think. I like aspects of both but deep down, I love defense, hitting is my thing."

The love for the game shared by Giacalone and his classmates was a key factor in the Little Tigers' success last fall.

"We had a great feel for everything," asserted Giacalone.



**HANDYMAN:** Frank Giacalone hauls in a pass last week at a practice for the East squad as it prepares for this Thursday's Sunshine Classic All-Star Game. Giacalone starred at tight end and defensive end for the Princeton High football team, helping the Little Tigers to a 6-4 record last fall in its final campaign with the program. This fall, Giacalone will be heading to Lehigh University where he will play defensive end and linebacker for the Mountain Hawks.

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## PDS Star Blitzter Overcame Early Lumps; Perseverance Lands Spot in Sunshine Game

David Blitzter took plenty of his freshman year, was thrown into the fire and had some less-than-stellar playing for the Princeton Day School football team.

But with Blitzter and his teammates sticking with the program, PDS turned the corner in 2004, posting a 4-4 record and recording four shutouts.

The PDS renaissance came full circle last fall as the Panthers went 7-1, tying the 1983 team's program-best mark.

As a reward for helping spark the team's turnaround, Blitzter and teammate Alex Kowalski were selected to play for the West squad in the Sunshine Classic All-Star Game this Thursday at The College of New Jersey.

For Blitzter, the struggles of his first two seasons made last fall all the more sweeter. "It looked like the program was going down the drain," said Blitzter reflecting on the early stages of his PDS career. "Last fall was a really redemptive season. We worked hard to get the program where it is now. To see the emotion and spirit we had this past season was really great."

In looking back on last fall, Blitzter views the team's 26-14 opening night win over Morrisville as a turning point. "We had lost to Morrisville 28-21 the year before," said Blitzter.

"They got ahead of us 7-0 this season; in past years we might've folded. We had confidence we could come back and win. We did and it was great to have the whole school there to see that we had changed. That set the tone for the season."

Blitzter helped set the tone for the team as he was in the middle of the action on both sides of the ball, playing middle linebacker on defense and center on offense.

"It was very rewarding to be the middle linebacker," said Blitzter, who jokes that due to his last name he was destined to play the position. "I called the signals for the defense and I really enjoyed that. I was moved to center from running back and that wasn't hard. As Coach Devlin said, I was like a guard playing running back. Getting in the trenches helped me at linebacker. I like being in the center of the action."

The qualities Blitzter developed in football helped him become a standout at lacrosse for PDS and helped pave his way to Williams College, where he heads this fall as a lacrosse recruit.

"Football is a fast game; it gives you a sense of field vision," said Blitzter, who currently plans to walk on to the Williams football team. "There is a toughness on every play in football. The things that I am good at in lacrosse — face-offs, ground balls, and defense — take more determination than skill."

Blitzter is looking forward to testing his skills against the all-stars he will face this week in the Sunshine Bowl. "It's an honor to play in this game; I'm proud to play in it," asserted Blitzter. "Justin Revelle (a former PDS player now at Brown) told me that it's a great way to warm up for college football. It will be a transition from PDS and a chance to see what you are expected to do at the college level."

As Blitzter heads to the next level, he will look to apply the lessons he learned from helping to spark the football team's reversal of fortune.



**SPECIAL TECHNIQUE:** David Blitzter works on his technique last week as he gears up to play this Thursday for the West squad in the 10th annual Sunshine Classic All-Star Game. Blitzter, who helped the Princeton Day School football team go 7-1 in 2005 after it posted a combined 7-17 record the previous three seasons, is heading to Williams College this fall where he plans to play football and lacrosse.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

"The biggest thing is to give yourself to a team," maintained Blitzter. "We would run with the younger kids last summer and then go out to dinner with them. We really developed a bond. On defense we knew each other so well and that helped us work well together."

Nobody gave himself more to the PDS program over the last four years than Blitzter.

—Bill Alden



**EYING HIS QUARRY:** David Blitzter stares across the line in a practice last week for the West squad as it readies itself for this Thursday's Sunshine Classic All-Star Game. Blitzter starred at linebacker and center last fall for the Princeton Day School football team, which went 7-1, matching the program record for wins in a season.

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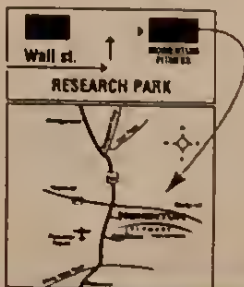
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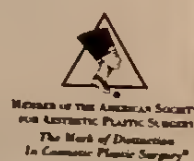
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## Kowalski Stayed Course for PDS Football, Savoring Chance to Play in Sunshine Game

Alex Kowalski gained some lessons from his Princeton Day School football experience that will last him a lifetime.

"You have to stick with things and give them time," said Kowalski, who graduated from PDS earlier this month. "Hard work can pay off."

In the early stages of his time at PDS, it didn't appear that Kowalski's toil was going to yield any benefits.

The Panthers went 3-13 his first two falls. But after a 4-4 campaign in 2004, everything came together this past fall for the Panthers as they went 7-1, matching the program record for wins.

"In my freshman year, we were terrible," said Kowalski. "It was really cool to see the team progress."

Kowalski's progress landed him a spot on the west squad for the 10th annual Sunshine Classic All-Star Game which will be played this Thursday at The College of New Jersey.

For Kowalski, it was the bond developed among his classmates that helped spark PDS' renaissance. "We had a lot of seniors who played well together," said Kowalski, who will be joined on the west squad by PDS teammate David Blitzer.

"The class was used to playing with each other. Blitzer and I started as freshmen and a lot of the others were playing by sophomore year. We knew each other's strengths and weaknesses."

Kowalski showed strength on offense by sparking the Panther running game by both

bulling through holes and opening them.

"I was the power back; if we needed five or six yards I would get them," said Kowalski. "It was great blocking for Mike; knowing that if I knocked down a couple of guys he would cut back and go for 20 yards."

On defense, Kowalski worked with classmate Craig Knowlton to disrupt opposing offenses. "I loved playing defensive tackle," added Kowalski. "The nose guard, Craig Knowlton, and I had a blast. We would trade off blitzing, if he didn't go through, I would."

This fall, Kowalski is bringing his strengths to Carnegie Mellon in Pittsburgh. "Carnegie Mellon is known for a lot of things," said Kowalski, who has enrolled in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences and may do a double major.

"There are a lot of things you can do academically and it's also a good Division III football program. I was recruited by some D-II schools but I didn't want football to be my defining point of college."

Kowalski is looking at playing in the Sunshine Classic as a good way to start the transition to college ball.

"I'm very flattered to be asked to play; it's for a great cause and being on an all-star team is something to remember the rest of my life," asserted Kowalski.

"I only know PDS football so this is a new step for me."



**FORCE FIELD:** Alex Kowalski forces his way through a hole at a practice last week for the West team as it prepares for the 10th annual Sunshine Classic All-Star Game which will be played this Thursday at The College of New Jersey. Kowalski, a recent Princeton Day School graduate who starred as a fullback and a defensive tackle for the Panthers, will be playing this fall at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

We are playing guys from someone like Kowalski who CVC schools so I don't quite have shown an ability to stay looking forward to it."

And Carnegie Mellon should be looking forward to getting

—Biff Alden

## Arduini's Love of Community Service Makes Him Good Fit for Sunshine Game

Mike Arduini has long enjoyed taking part in community service activities.

The recent Hun School graduate has helped out at a nursing home in Ewing the last few years in addition to working with HomeFront, a Lawrenceville-based organization that is working to end homelessness in Mercer County.

This Thursday night, Arduini will be toiling for another charity as he takes the field at The College of New Jersey for the West team in the 10th annual Sunshine Classic All-Star Game.

The proceeds from the game go to the Sunshine Foundation, a charity dedicated to granting the wishes of seriously ill, physically challenged, and abused children.

"It's a great honor to be picked for this game," said the 6'2, 285-pound Arduini, a powerful force on the Hun offensive and defensive lines over his career. "It's a great experience going against the guys from the CVC that I've heard about."

Coming into last fall, everyone was hearing about Hun and what a juggernaut the team figured to be in 2005. But hurt by some key injuries and overconfidence, the Raiders stumbled to a disappointing 4-5 mark.

While Arduini was frustrated by Hun's struggles, he gained some valuable perspective from the experience. "I learned that you can be a great team on paper but if you don't play hard you're not going to win," said Arduini, who served as a team co-captain last fall. "We suffered

from some injuries and everybody was shooting for us."

It was quite a contrast from Arduini's junior year during which the Raiders went 8-1 and won the program's first Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title.

"We all came from different backgrounds and we all loved playing the game," said Arduini reflecting on that stellar campaign. "On the field we had a winning is everything attitude."

Putting the wins and losses aside, Arduini felt he got something out of his Hun experience everyday he hit the field.

"I learned the value of hard work," said Arduini. "It was great to go against all those Division I players everyday in practice the last four years."

Arduini also learned a lot from his classmates off the field. "I'm definitely more open-minded," asserted Arduini. "I got exposed to various types of lifestyles, academically and socially."

This fall, Arduini will continue his education on and off the field at Hobart, a Division III football power located in Geneva, N.Y.

"It was the total package for me," said Arduini, who will be playing defensive line for the Statesman.

"The football program is really strong; it's been to the by Hun's struggles, he gained some valuable perspective. Academically it suited me; I'm planning to study biology or chemistry."

Based on his stellar Hun career, Arduini figures to add a lot to the Hobart squad's chemistry.

—Bill Alden

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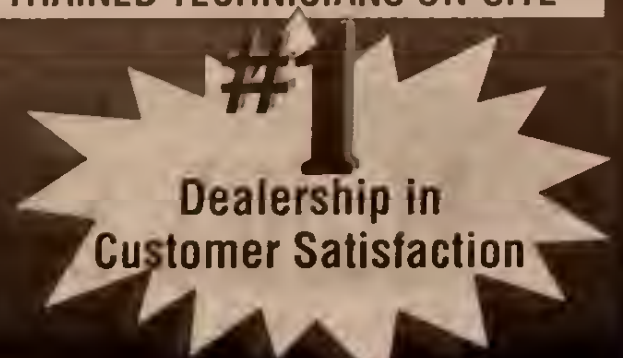
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**TUNING UP:** Members of the Princeton Little League 12-year-old All-Star team are all smiles after winning the Amwell Valley Invitational Baseball Tournament last weekend. Princeton topped Basking Ridge 12-5 in the championship game, led by a grand slam homer from Chris Harwood and a complete-game pitching effort from Michael Irving. Pictured in the front row, from left, are David Dunlap, David Bronsteen, Matthew Hoffman, Tim Vasseur, and Stephen Sippelle. In the back row, from left, are Manager Scott Sippelle, Ian Finnen, Jacob Eisenberg, Alex Bauman, Chris Harwood, Will Kister, Coach Steve Eisenberg, and Michael Irving. Not pictured are Kevin White and Andrew Furlong. The Princeton 12s will begin District 12 Little League Tournament play this Wednesday when they face Florence in Pool A play at East Windsor PAL.



**WE'RE NO. 1:** Members of the Princeton Patriots Under-12 baseball team display their trophies after they won the championship of the Central Jersey Amateur Baseball League (CJABL) earlier this month. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Alex Pecora, James Bunn, RaShon Carr, Phillip Pecora, Joe Clancy, Jon Ostroff, and Josh Berger. In the middle row, from left, are Michael Dunlap, Clay Alter, Michael Manley, Nate Ash, Beau Horan, and Michael Poole. In the back row, from left, are Coach John Pecora, Manager Paul Horan, and Coach Kevin Manley. The Patriots topped the Central Jersey Slammers 9-6 in the CJABL title game. In other action, the Patriots also reached the semifinals of the Dave Gallagher Baseball League.

## LOCAL SPORTS

### Summer Youth Hoops Recent Results

In action last Monday in the junior division of the Princeton Recreation Department Boys' Summer Basketball League McCaffrey's topped Larini's 37-21, led by Scott Bechler's 13 points. Ershow Chiropractic topped GR Murray 34-26, paced by eight points from Peter Schulman and six apiece from Clark Chapman and Dennis Paramonov. Michael Rubayo led GR Murray with six points.

In games in the boys' senior division, the Sonics raced past the Spurs 49-29 as Thatcher Foster poured in 23 points and A.J. Rubin chipped in 11. Brennan Lewis had seven for the Spurs. The Clippers edged the Lakers 49-42 in overtime as Josh Gordon led the way with 18 points. Skye Ettin had a big game in a losing cause as he scored a game-high 20 points with James Peretzman adding 11.

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**CORRECTION:** In the story entitled, "PHS Basketball Star Cook Realizes Dream; Heading To Francis Marion to Play Hoops," that ran on page 40 of the June 21, 2006 edition, Erin Cook's mother was misidentified. Her mother's name is Sharon Crusier.



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## OBITUARIES

### Helen Maurer

Helen Maurer, 95, of Princeton, died June 23 at home.

Born in Beaver Falls, Pa., she had lived in Princeton for 56 years.

She graduated from Mt. Holyoke College and attended the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work.

She and her late husband spent several years teaching in China; she later worked as a social worker at the Rutgers Interdisciplinary Research

Center and at the Carrier 1:30 p.m. at the Princeton Friends Meeting.

She was a member of the Princeton Friends Meeting and was one of the founders of the Princeton Friends School. She was also active in the American Red Cross, the League of Women Voters, and the Mt. Holyoke Club of Princeton-Trenton.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Kimble Funeral Home.

She was predeceased by her parents, Dr. Dickson Lee Singleton and Helen Singleton, her husband, Herrymon Maurer, and a son, Thomas Maurer. She is survived by two daughters, Ann Pearson of Princeton and Helen Morris of Rocky Hill; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, July 16 at

### Robert G. Donald

Robert G. Donald, 86, of Princeton, died June 22 at Merwick.

Born in Princeton, he was a lifelong Princeton resident.

He was a graduate of Princeton High School and president of his class of 1938. He graduated from Trenton State Teachers College with the class of 1947.

He was a veteran of the United States Coast Guard, having served for three years during World War II.

He taught industrial arts for 35 years at Lawrence Junior High.

He was a member of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners, Local No. 781 for 59 years and a member of Mercer Engine Co. No. 3 of the Princeton Fire Department for 52 years. He was also a member of Princeton Lodge No. 38 F. and A.M., a past member of the New Jersey State Football Officials Association, and a longtime member of Nassau Presbyterian Church.

Husband of the late Ruth P.W. Donald, he is survived by two daughters, Catherine D. Volz of Ewing and Caren Berel of Princeton; a brother, Alexander of Princeton; and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was yesterday, June 27 at The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Davis of Nassau Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 529, Princeton 08542; or to Mercer Engine Co. No. 3, 363 Witherspoon Street, Princeton 08540, attn. David Steward.

### Ruth S. Feldstein

Ruth Stark Feldstein, 65, of Princeton, died June 22 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Langhorne, Pa.

Born in New York City, she had been a resident of Princeton for the past 30 years.

She was a member of The Jewish Center and Community

Without Walls, a life member of Hadassah, a trustee of The Jewish Federation, and volunteer for Grandpals.

Wife of the late Dr. Nathan Feldstein, she is survived by three sons, Jonathan of Efrat, Israel, Michael of Princeton, and Mark of Falls Church, Va.; a brother, Daniel J. Stark of Harrison, N.Y.; and 11 grandchildren.

The funeral service was June 25 at The Jewish Center. Burial followed at Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin.

A period of mourning will be observed at the Feldstein residence in Princeton.

Memorial contributions may be offered to The Feldstein Israel Travel Scholarship, c/o The Jewish Center.

Funeral arrangements were by Orland's Ewing Memorial Chapel, Ewing Township.

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### Masks: The Snob

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**QUESTION:** One of my friends is a real snob. He's always bragging about his business, showing off his new car, or telling me about all the important people he knows. It turns me off, but I don't know how to help him without hurting his feelings. What can I do?

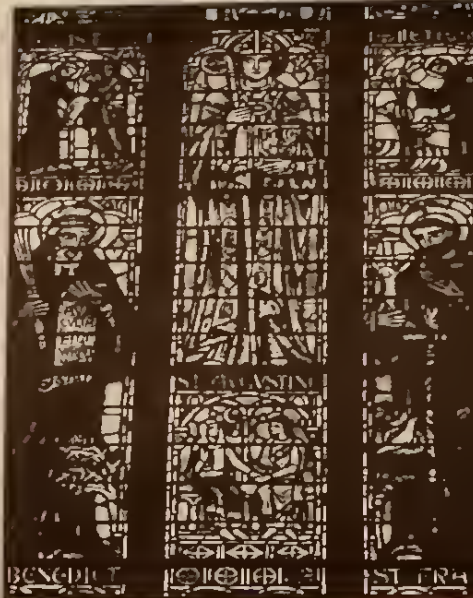
**ANSWER:** What you can do is to more fully understand your friend so as to better help him. The "snob" wants your admiration, hopes for your jealousy, but usually ends up, as you noted, "turning you off."

These individuals always know the right people, live in the right neighborhood, drive the right car, and are invited to all the right parties. The not-so-subtle implication is that you do not. Even if they have not been drenched with success as of yet, they proclaim that it is just around the corner. They love to compare, hoping to feel up by making others feel down.

This behavior could have one of two causes. First, overcritical parenting may have scared your friend that he would not be able to live up to parental expectations, and so he adopts any of a number of symbols of success for protection. Secondly, overpermissive parenting may have made him picture a universe with him at the center. When the world imposes limits that parents have not, feelings of insecurity bubble to the surface, and up pops all those symbols for the appearance of success.

The solution involves achieving acceptance of self. You can help your friend by constructively confronting him. He needs to wake up to the fact that bragging, faking feelings, or lying regarding personal deficits pushes away the very person he wants to befriend — you! Trying new behavior and being pleasantly surprised by acceptance and warmth may be enough of a taste to get your friend to try even harder. So, the solution calls for bravery from your friend and assertiveness from you.

Good luck. This Wellness column is funded through the generosity of a grant from the J. Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trusts. If you would like Father Stimpson to answer a question of yours on family life, daily living or emotional health, you can write to him at: Trinity Counseling Service, 22 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Trinity Counseling Service provides clinical or pastoral counseling on a sliding fee scale for all who need help and support. Phone Trinity Counseling Service at 609-924-0060 to set an appointment.



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## Weddings and Engagements

### Wedding



Alena Sergeeva and Michael Kerachsky

**Sergeeva-Kerachsky.** Alena Vitalevna Sergeeva, daughter of Irina Sergeeva and Vitaly Sergeev, both of Novgorod, Russia, to Michael Maynard Kerachsky, son of Rebecca Maynard and Stuart Kerachsky of Princeton, in an evening ceremony on June 17 at Rats Restaurant at Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton. Judge Joseph Small, a friend of the family, officiated.

The bride graduated from Novgorod State University in Veliky Novgorod, Russia, in 2005, where she majored in linguistics and cross-cultural communications. She was

employed as a private tutor in English and German before moving to the United States.

The groom, a graduate of The Hun School in 2000, is currently a senior at Rider University, majoring in political science and Russian studies. He is employed by Mapleton Nurseries.

The couple met in 2004 when Mr. Kerachsky participated in a summer abroad program at Novgorod State University under a Fulbright grant.

The couple will reside in West Windsor.

### Engagement



Thomas Bogumil and Katherine Baus

**Baus-Bogumil.** Katherine Baus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baus of Princeton, to Thomas Bogumil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Uwe Bogumil of Wittenburg, Germany.

Ms. Baus is a graduate of Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. She received her bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Tufts University and her master's degree in engineering management from The Thayer School at Dartmouth College, where she met her fiancé. Ms. Baus is an engineer at Airbus in Hamburg, Germany.

Mr. Bogumil received his undergraduate and masters degrees in mechanical engineering from Helmut Schmidt University in Hamburg, Germany. He did research for his master's thesis in biomedical engineering at The Thayer School. He is currently serving in the German Army as a helicopter pilot.

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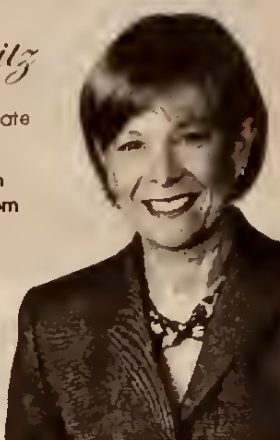
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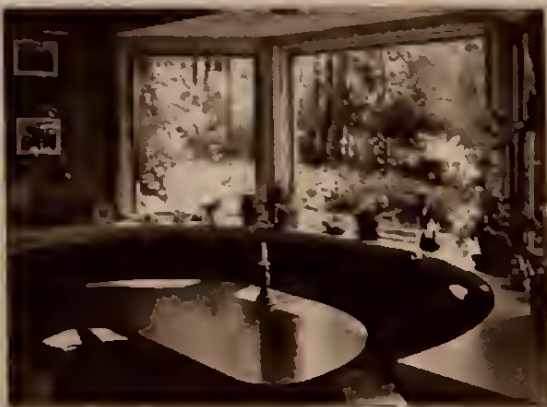
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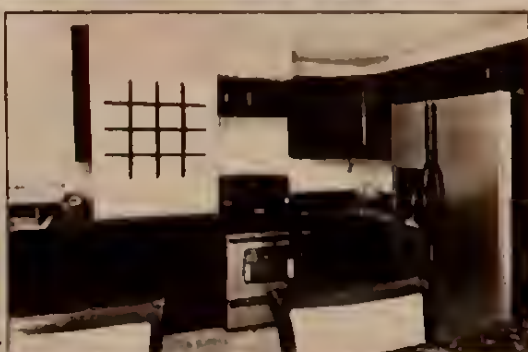
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**Montgomery Township** — On a cul-de-sac in Woodsedge, this handsome house has newly finished lower level. **New Price \$609,000**



**Plainsboro** — Simplify your life, maintain your lifestyle in this elegant villa and enjoy Princeton Windrows' amenities. **\$434,900**



**Rocky Hill** — This attractive c1840 Greek Revival features wide pine floors, robust trim. 4 bedrooms, sunny family room. **\$799,000**



**Princeton** — An open fresh floor plan with spacious areas and contemporary appeal. Bright kitchen and 4 bedrooms. **\$865,000**



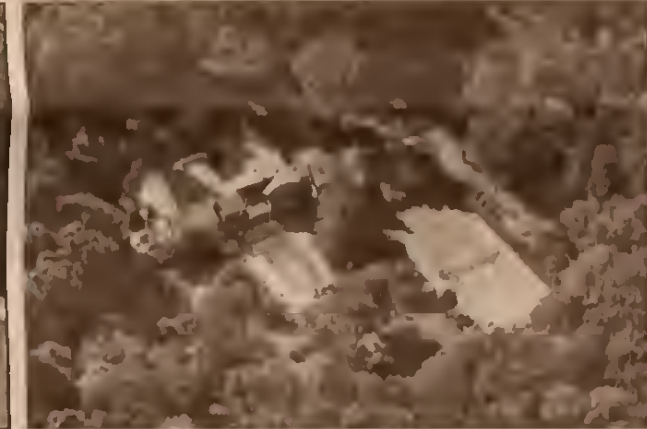
**Princeton** — A bright and airy transformation has taken place in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath house close to shopping, schools. **\$699,000**



**Princeton** — A blend of modern space and classical style, this handsome home is on one of the Boro's most prestigious streets. **\$2,550,000**



**Montgomery** — This grandly scaled 1937 stone Colonial is on a hilltop site of 25 serenely secluded acres. In-law apartment. **\$3,290,000**



**Lawrence** — This property offers an exceptional range of areas for entertaining and quiet pleasures. Pool and tennis court. **\$2,495,000**



**Hopewell Township** — The Castle, built in 1896, has undergone a massive renovation. New baths, kitchen. Magnificent grounds. **\$2,750,000**



**Lawrence Township** — Bright and airy rooms, with period details and a superb renovation completed with fine craftsmanship. **\$1,800,000**



**Princeton** — This historic estate offers a grand house, beautifully maintained grounds with pool and pool house, tennis court.

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### Stunning Villa in Constitution Hill



PRINCETON. Stunning villa in Princeton's Constitution Hill estate community. Light and bright with many skylights. From the moment you enter the foyer of this lovely home, you can tell that it is exceptionally beautiful and well maintained. Large eat-in kitchen with ceramic tile floor, tiled counter-top and wide windows over the sink. Large living room with fireplace, cathedral ceiling and wide windows overlooking the private patio. Dining room with decorative shelf. First floor master suite with private bath, double closets and views on the gardens. The master bathroom has been updated with single sink and tile floor. Display shelves on the stairway to the second floor. Guest bedroom on the second floor has private full bath, built-in shelves, sky-light, and Berber carpet. Spacious family room at top of the stairs with built-in bookshelves. Small bedroom off of the family room. Closets with built-in and washer & dryer at the top of the stairs. Walkway to detached two-car garage. Short walk to pool, tennis and gardens.

PRT0842

Marketed by Patricia Cooke

\$950,000



### In Town Treasure



PRINCETON. In Town Treasure. Enjoy the outstanding location of this well-maintained Dutch Colonial on one of Princeton Township's most desirable streets. Easy walking distance to town and schools. Lots of charm & character. All new windows. The cedar exterior has recently been repainted with mold prevention paint. Enter through the vestibule and front hall into the cozy living room with fireplace and chestnut beams. Charming sunroom with fireplace off of the living room. Good sized dining room. 9' ceilings on the first floor and oak hardwood floors. Kitchen has knotty pine cabinetry. Laundry room and small powder room next to the kitchen. Upstairs is the master bedroom with large closets and enough space for a king-sized bed. Two other bedrooms and full hall bath. Unfinished attic space on the third floor. The basement is meticulously maintained and painted. Entire house is air-conditioned. Two car attached garage. Large fenced-in rear yard. Award winning Princeton Regional schools. One year Home Warranty to buyer at closing.

PRT0838

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\$899,000


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